HOW TO DISMISS WOMEN'S PAIN!

a guide for healthcare professionals







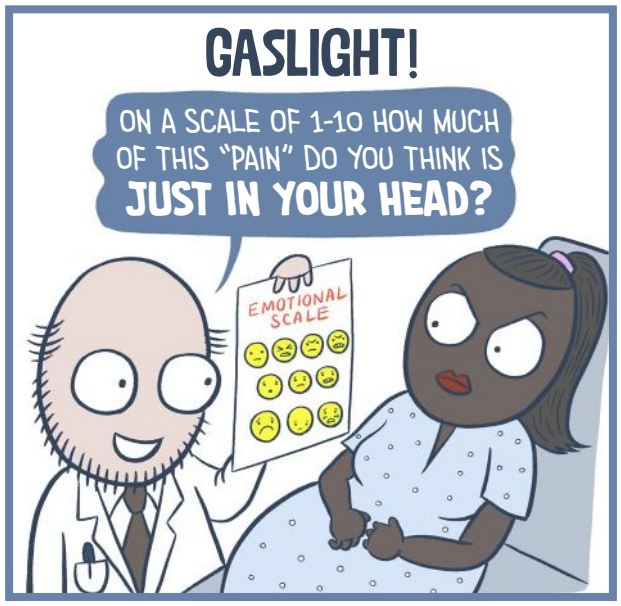
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Fold this comic into an HPV TEST FOR MEN!

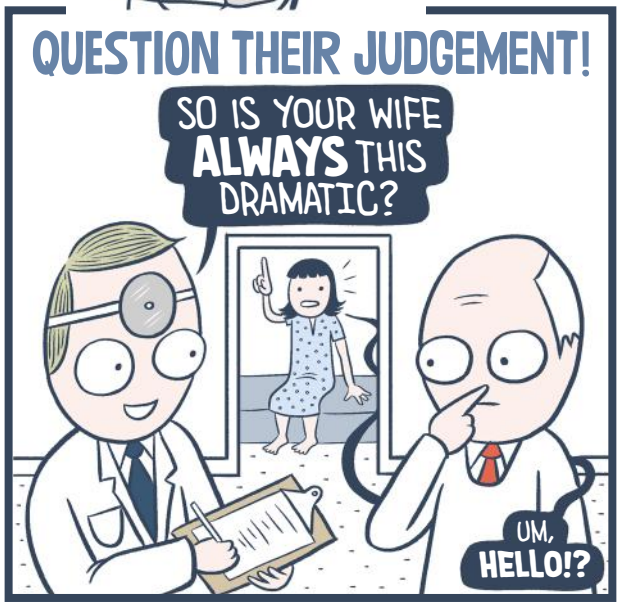
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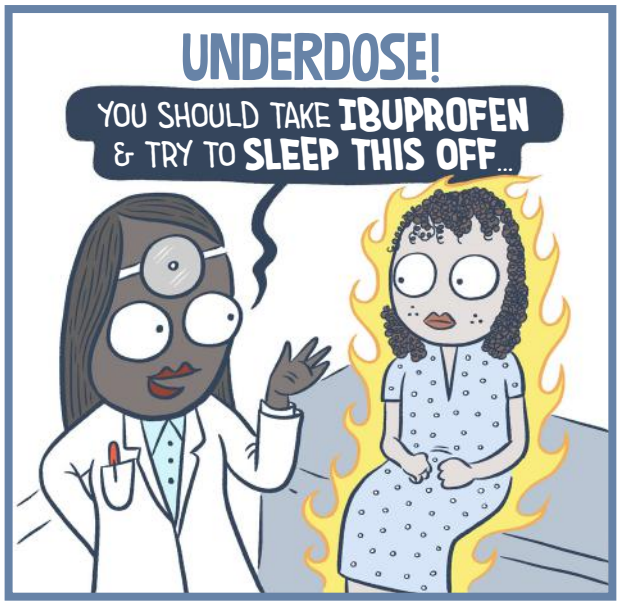
GASLIGHT!



QUESTION THEIR JUDGEMENT!

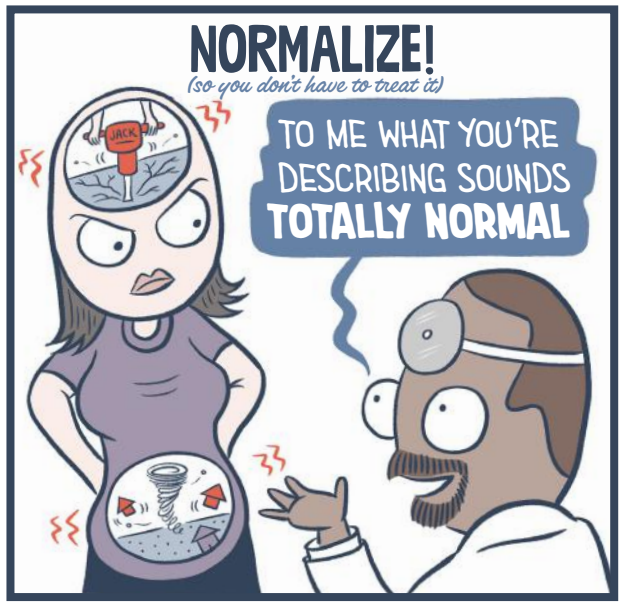


UNDERDOSE!



NORMALIZE!

(so you don't have to treat it)



DON'T MEDICATE AT ALL!



EXCLUDE & UNDER EDUCATE!



PHONE IT IN!



REPEAT UNTIL WOMEN BEGIN TO SECOND GUESS *THEMSELVES!*



* OR WORSE, MAYBE STOP GOING TO SEE A DOCTOR ALTOGETHER...

TOTALLY HORRIBLE FACTS!

Women experience **more** pain but their reports are taken less seriously. Their pain is more often **dismissed** or **downplayed**, and the pain medication they are prescribed is **less** adequate, when compared with **men**.

Chronic pain affects **70%** of women, yet **80%** of **pain studies** are conducted on mice or human men.

Most doctors are trained to recognize and treat diseases as they unfold in an **average-weight male**. There is very little to no discussion about how symptoms might present **differently** in women.

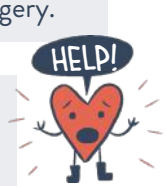
It wasn't until **1993**, when the inclusion of **women** in **clinical trials** became part of Federal law.

Providers are **twice** as likely to give narcotics to **men** than to **women** during the first three days after surgery.

for more info & references please visit:

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All of the problems described above are **magnified** and **exacerbated** in **Black populations**.



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