MUI Lecture Series

Making a Difference: Integrating Sex and Gender Analysis into Research and Innovation

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There is a growing insight that both sex and gender play a role in determining the health of both men and women. The 'one size fits all' model, using predominantly male animals or young white men in biomedical research is no longer valid. Gender Medicine is an innovative field of research that integrates a sex and gender analysis into basic, clinical and public health research in order to explain differences between women and men in health and disease. Due attention is paid to biological differences between women and men and to the influence of gender processes in determining individual health outcomes. Intersecting factors such as f.e. age, ethnicity, and socio-economic status are also taken into account. Within a framework of EU and international research policy making, the lecture will provide telling examples of new knowledge that can be created by integrating a sex and gender analysis.

