

# Vrouwen maken de man

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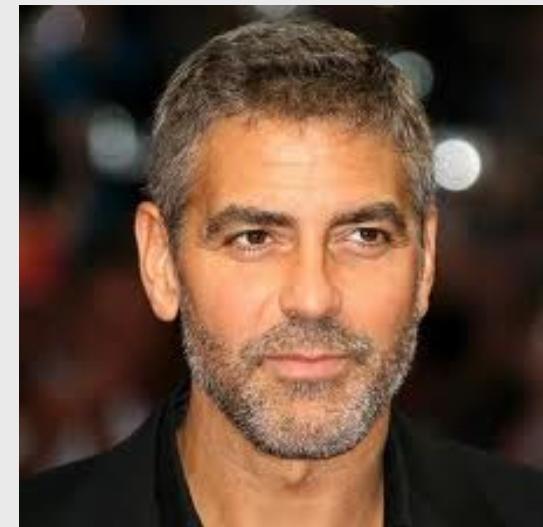
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door Arnoud Breitbarth

wo 27 okt 2010

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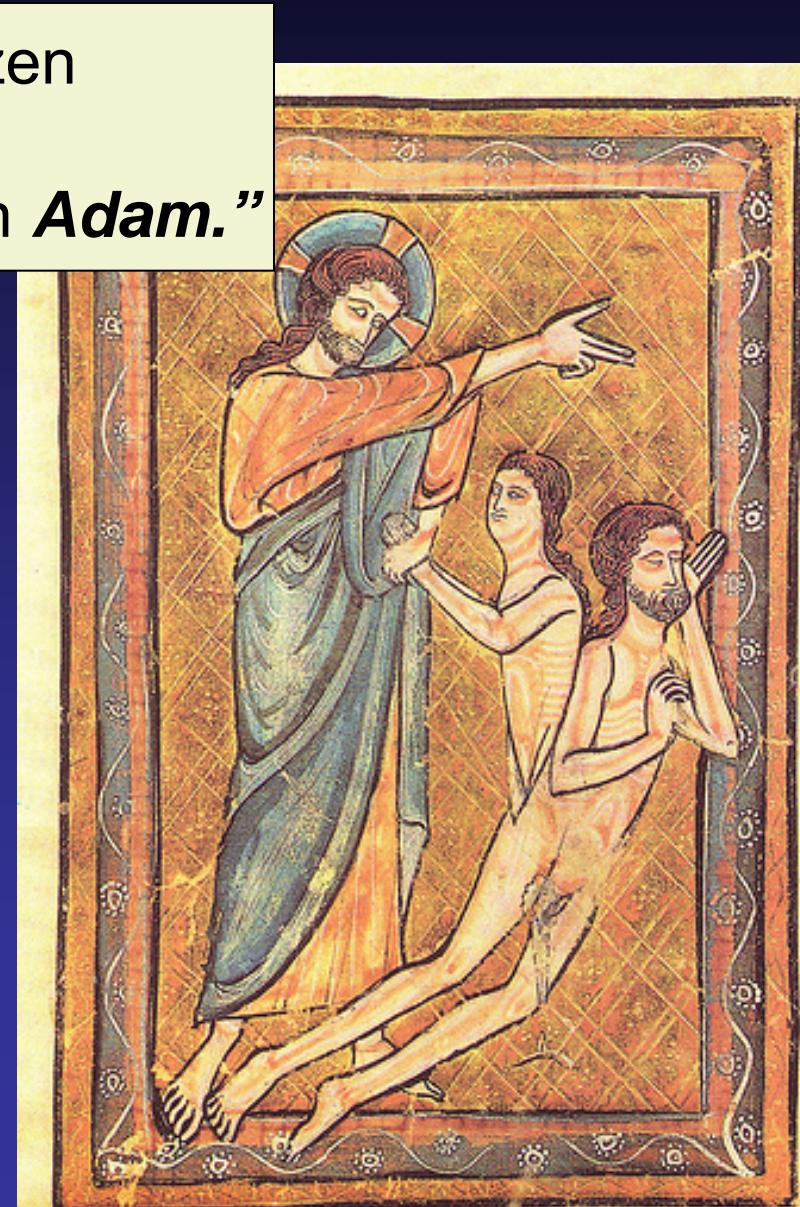


.... *George Clooney wergwerpartikel?*

# Het Bijbelboek Genesis

“God schiep **Adam** door leven te blazen in het "stof der aarde" (Gen. 2:7). Later creëerde Hij **Eva** uit een **rib** van **Adam.**”

“Ze was een deel –de rib– van Adam, dus altijd een bezit van hem, de onderliggende partij, en de verzorgster.”



# Why can't a Woman be more like a Man?!

1912:  
My fair lady:  
prof Higgins



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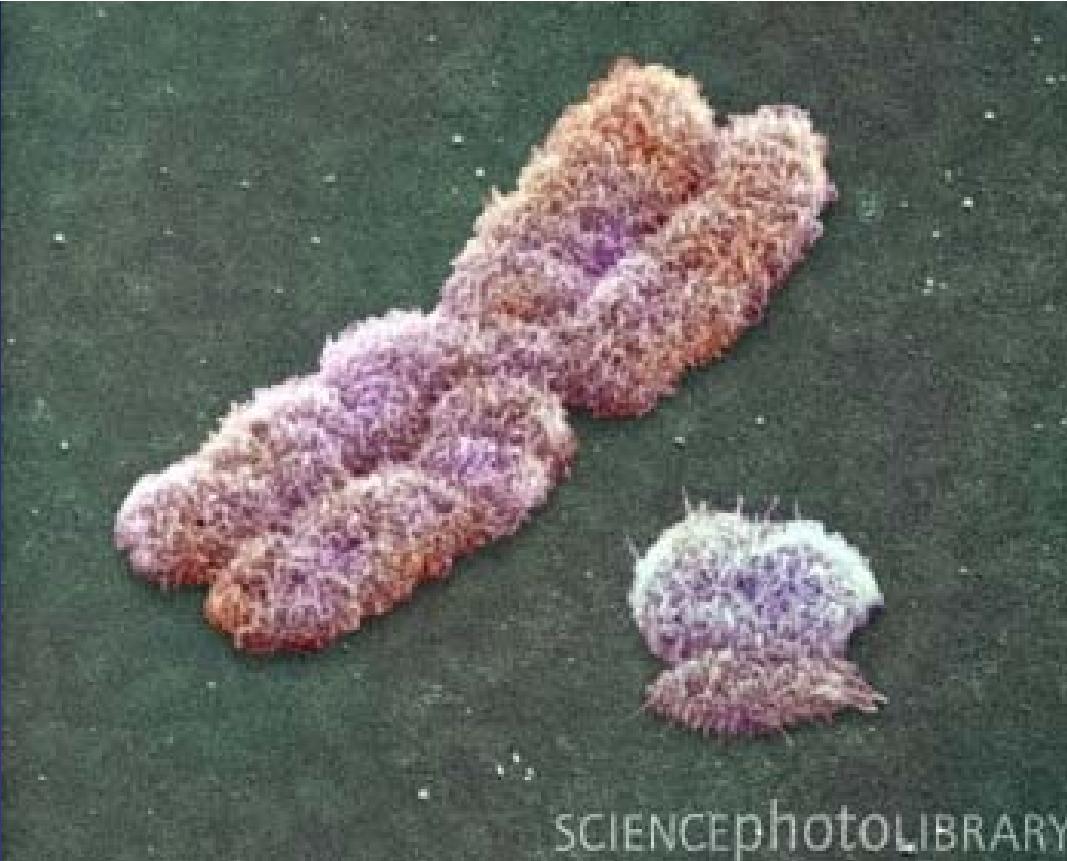
# The genetic richness of the woman

Men who think that size really matters

should probably not think too hard about the Y chromosome....

X:

1098 genes



Y:

86 genes

# Embryos are female by default

At 6 weeks:

Both male and female embryos identical



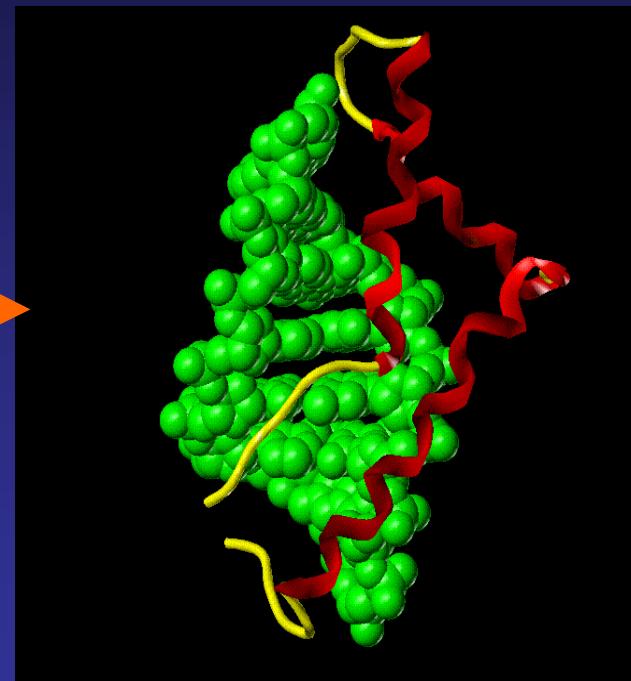
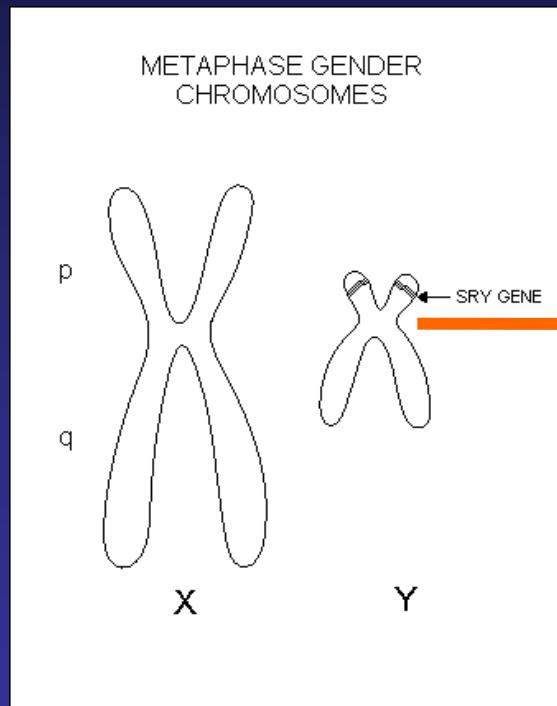
Without any intervention : females at birth

1990

# The masculinity switch

**SRY: A Gene That Turns the Girl into a Boy**

Sex determining Region Y



# Abnormal SRY

XY - SRY



"Caster Semenya is een hermafrodiet"

XX +SRY



Goud op WK atletiek Berlijn 2009  
SRY gen op XX, man + vrouw kenmerken

Non-functional SRY-gen

XY- man without uterus or ovaries

*Sydney Daily Telegraph, 2009*

# Men are genetically modified women

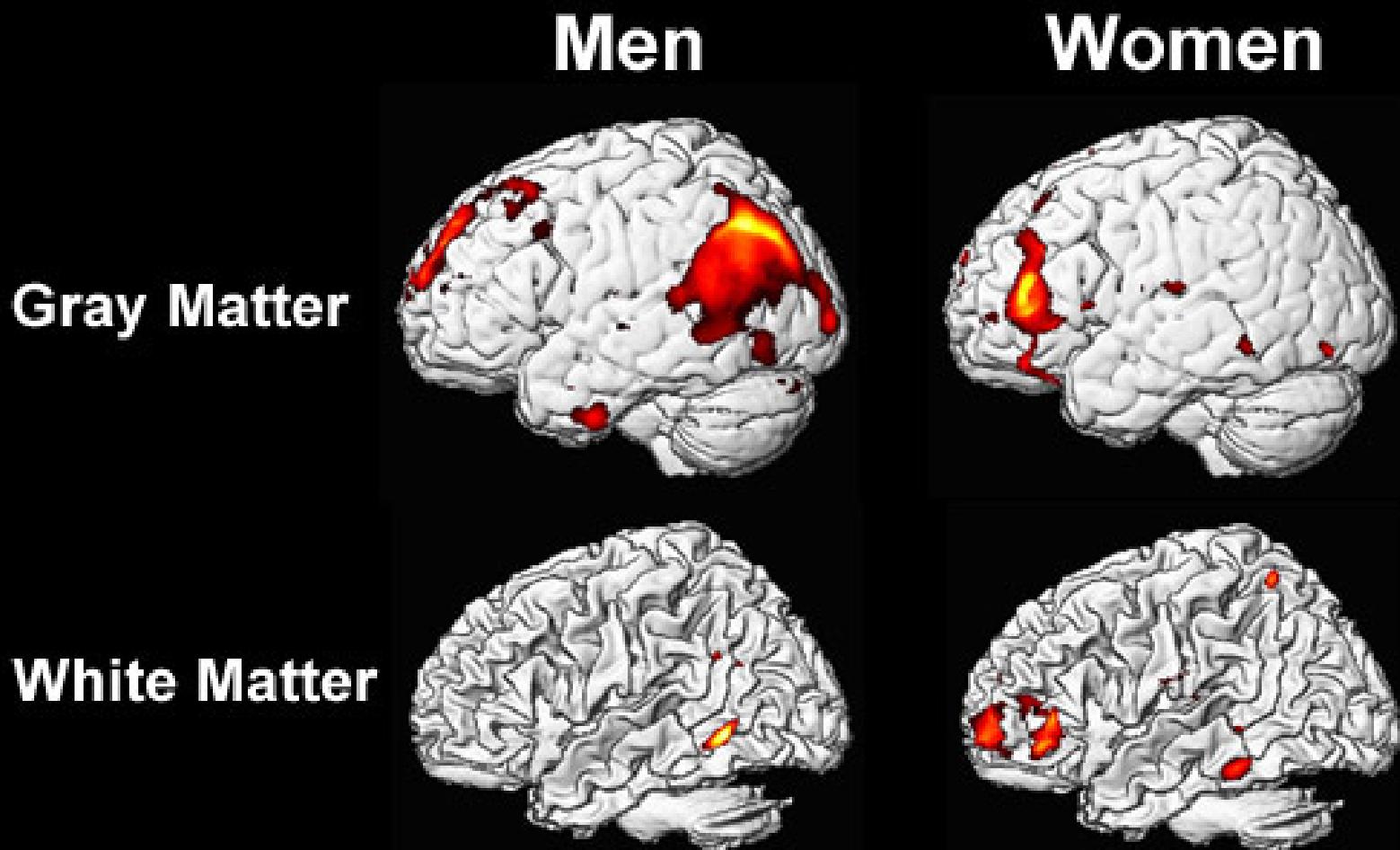
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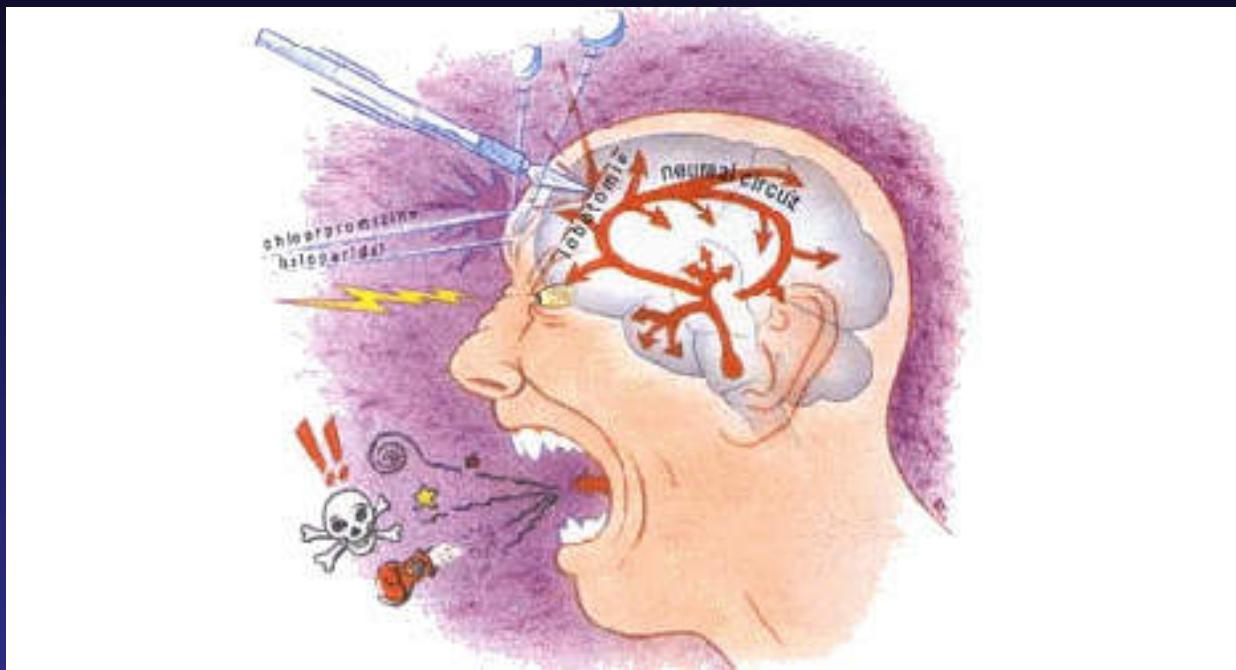
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# Intelligence in men and women

Equivalent overall intelligence, different subtypes



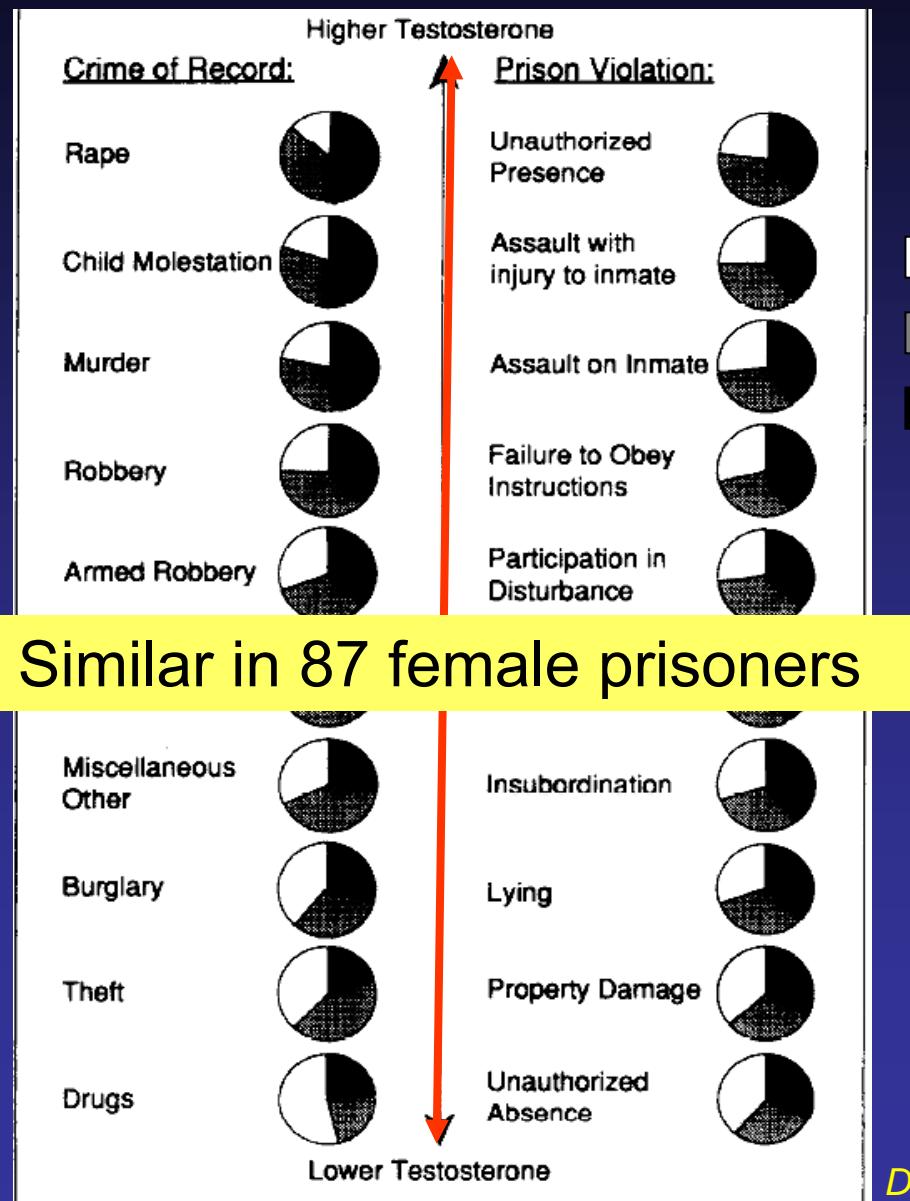
# Testosteron heeft duidelijk een imagoprobleem



Beurshandelaren met productieve testikels lopen grotere financiële risico's, en bushokjes zouden voor dit soort echte mannenmannen bevreesd moeten zijn. Gevangenen met een hoog testosterongehalte blijken vaker te rellen, en zitten vaak voor zwaardere vergrijpen dan hun minder mannelijke collegae....

# Testosterone and misbehavior

Severe  
crime



692 male prisoners

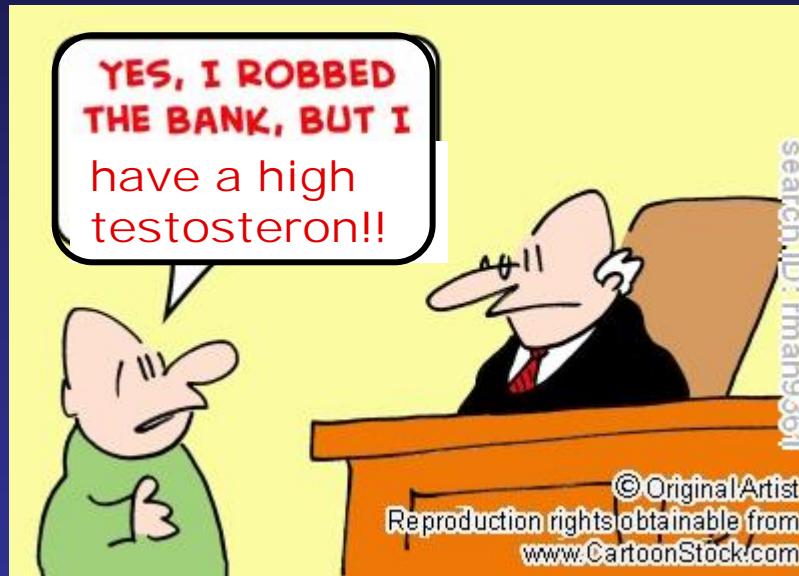
Low testosterone  
Middle  
High testosterone

Similar in 87 female prisoners

Mild  
crime

# Effect of testosterone

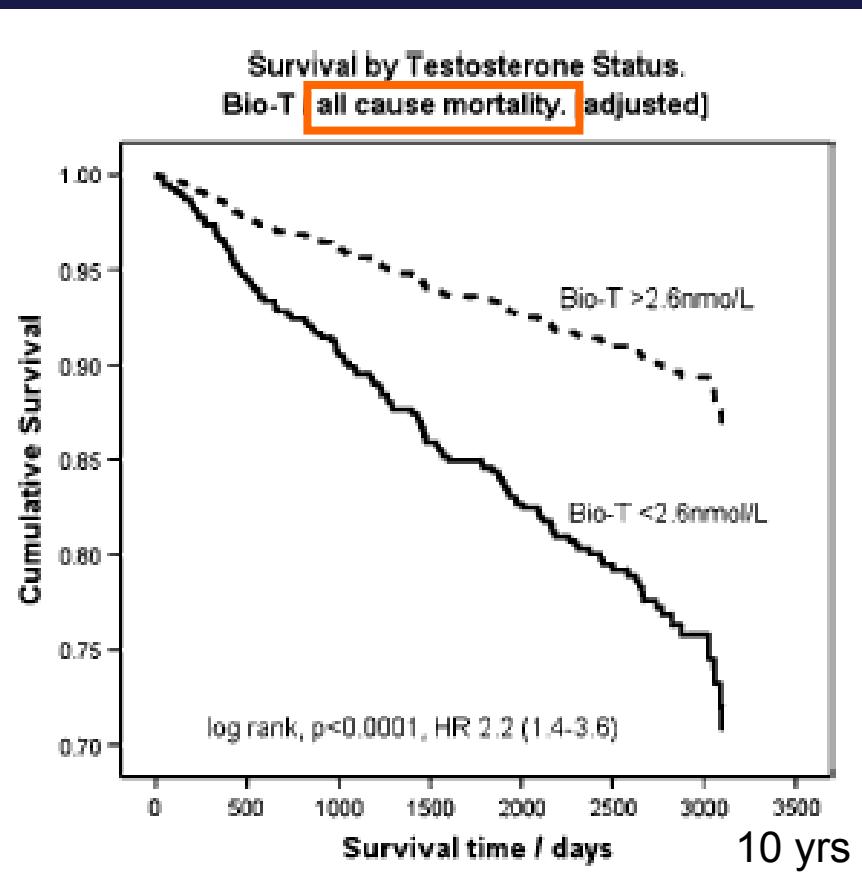
.....even in courtrooms: steroid-induced rage a legitimate legal defence in the US.



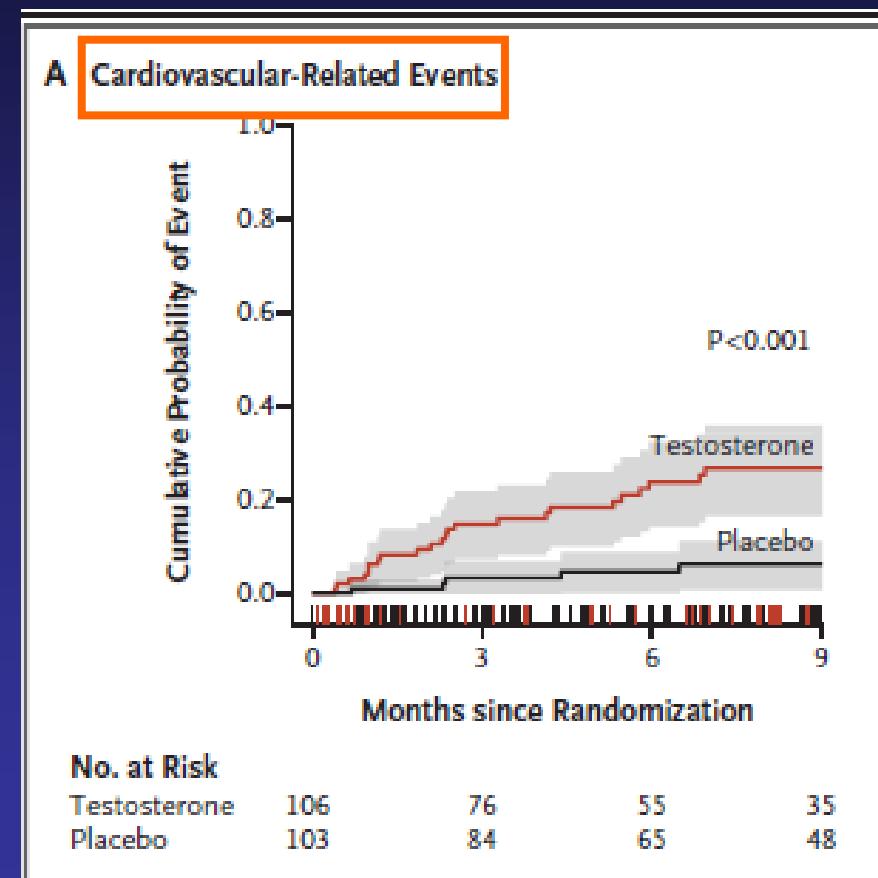
There is indeed evidence indicating a link between testosterone and antisocial behaviour in humans.

# testosteron & mortality in men ??

930 men with CAD, FU 7 yrs



testosteron suppletion in  
209 men > 65 yrs, low T



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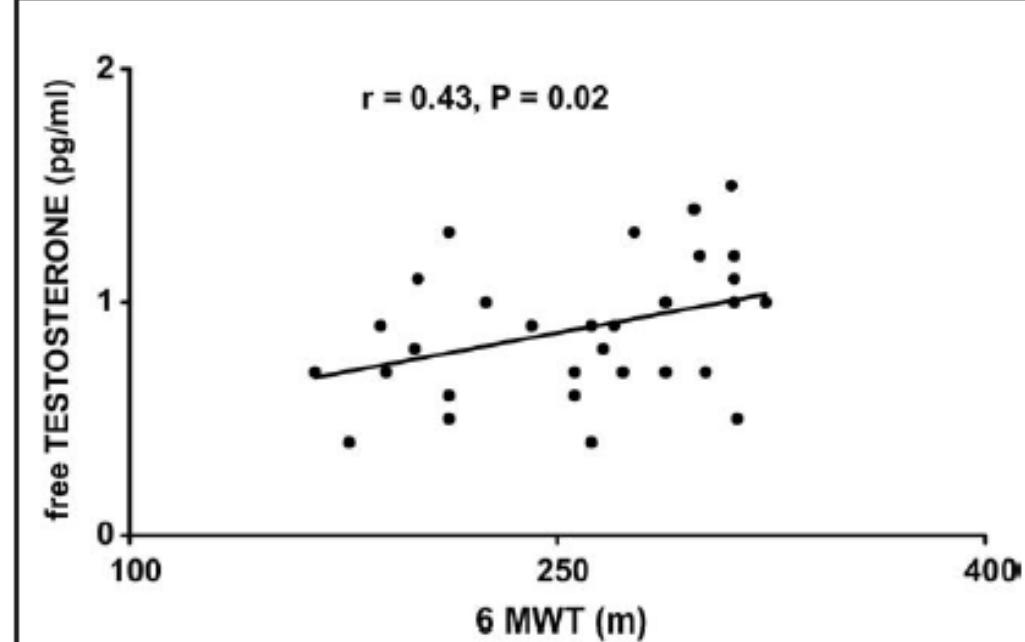
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“Vrijpleister”



Iellamo et al, JACC 2010

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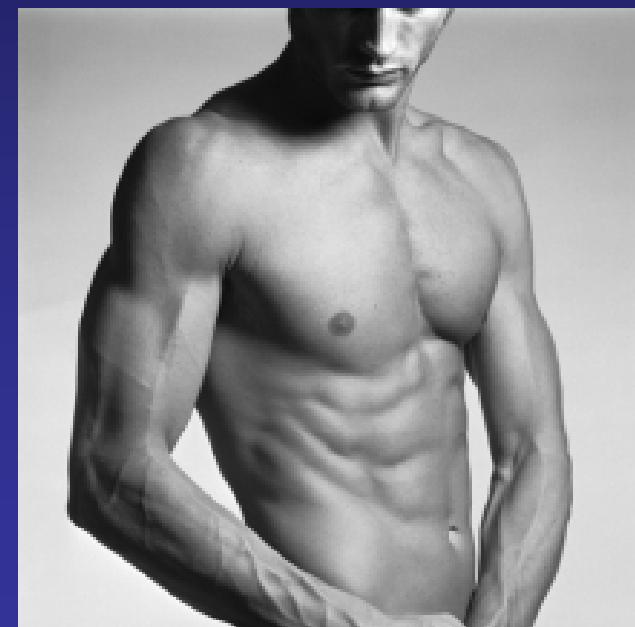
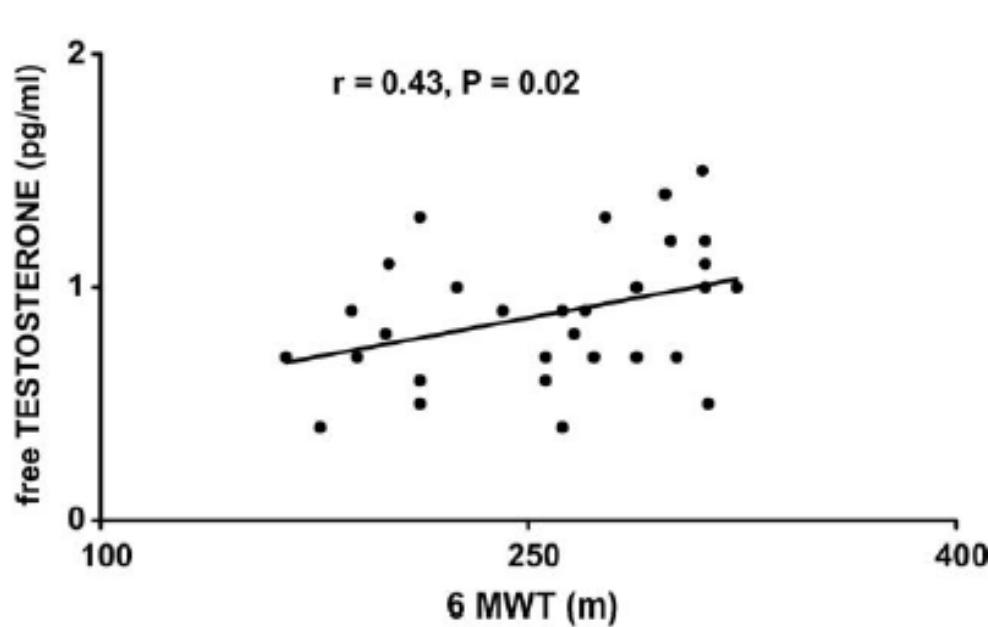


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# Cardiorespiratory, echocardiography & muscular results before and after 6 months of testosterone Supplementation Therapy

N=36

	Testosterone Group		Placebo Group		Changes ( $\Delta$ )	
	Before	After	Before	After	Testosterone	Placebo
6MWT, m	260.6 ± 52	357.2 ± 43	254.9 ± 39	291.3 ± 22	96.6 ± 14.5*	36.4 ± 11.9
Peak VO <sub>2</sub> , ml/kg/min	10.5 ± 1.0	13.2 ± 1.8	10.0 ± 1.9	10.1 ± 1.3	2.8 ± 0.06*	0.1 ± 0.03
VE/VCO <sub>2</sub> slope	34.6 ± 5.0	31.1 ± 7.0	35.8 ± 6.0	34.2 ± 8.4	-3.5 ± 0.1*	-1.6 ± 0.8
SBP, mm Hg	115.2 ± 18	113.8 ± 23	113.4 ± 19	112.6 ± 20	-2.2 ± 0.04	-1.3 ± 0.06
DBP, mm Hg	79.2 ± 9	80 ± 7	77.2 ± 11	78.6 ± 13	1.0 ± 0.03	1.4 ± 0.04
Resting HR, beats/min	67.8 ± 13	66.5 ± 11	68.6 ± 11	68.0 ± 13	-1.3 ± 0.05	-0.6 ± 0.02
MVC, n	65.0 ± 15	92.1 ± 20	65.4 ± 14	69.9 ± 16	27.1 ± 4.7*	4.5 ± 2.1
PTmax, Nm	41.3 ± 17.4	74.2 ± 14.8	43.6 ± 11.6	49.1 ± 9.2	32.9 ± 8.4*	5.5 ± 1.2
EF, %	32.3 ± 8.1	32.1 ± 7.2	31.8 ± 7.3	31.5 ± 7.7	-0.2 ± 0.03	-0.3 ± 0.07
LVEDD, mm	62.7 ± 12	63.5 ± 13	61.9 ± 13	62.4 ± 11	-0.8 ± 0.05	-0.5 ± 0.02

# Testosterone patches



"Sorry I fired you, Maggie. I got my husband's testosterone patches mixed up with my estrogen patches."

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# Gender differences in cardiovascular disease

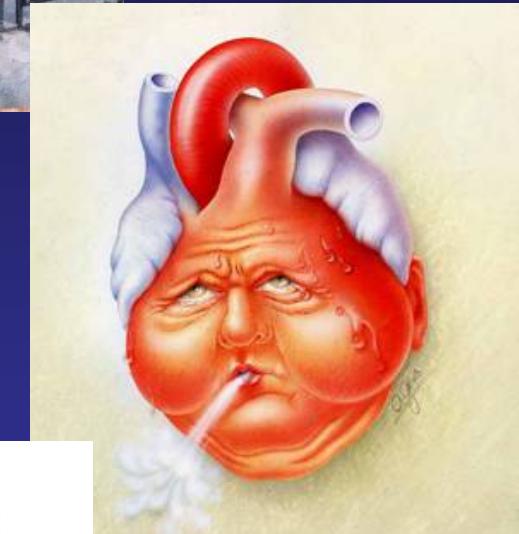
## Ischemic heart disease

- Atypical chest pain
- Ischemia more often silent
- ...
- ..



## Heart failure

- More symptoms
- Higher number of hospitalisations
- ...



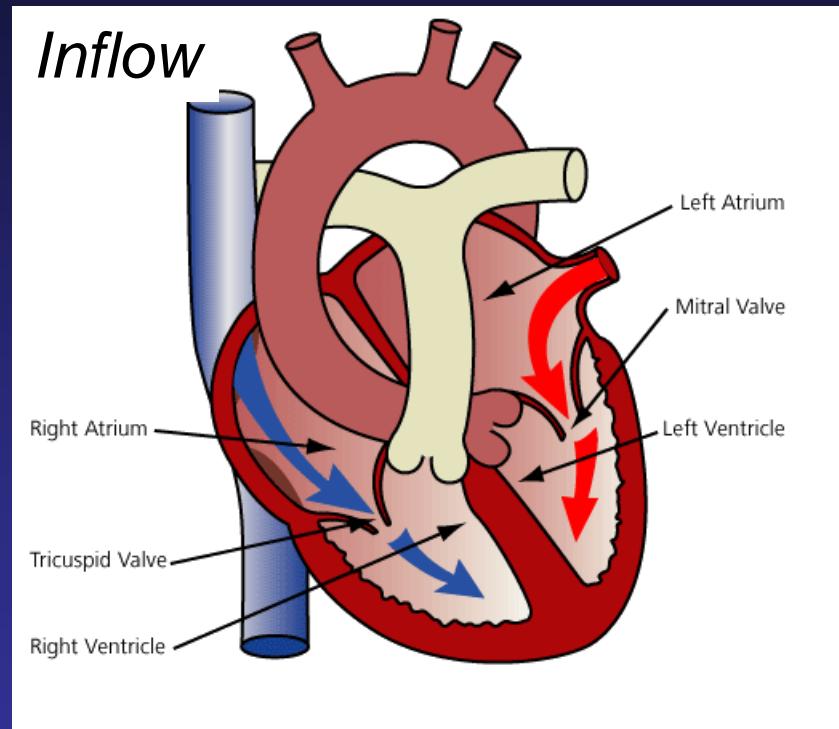
## Stroke

- Excessive delay in hospital arrival
- Worse outcome
- ...

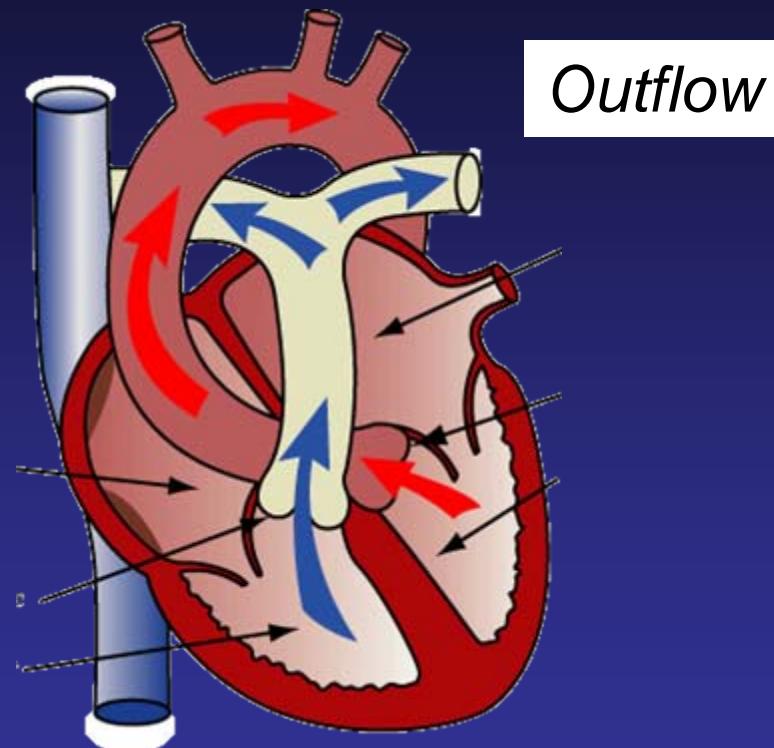


# Gender incidence of congenital cardiac anomalies

Female dominance



Male dominance



Mitral valve prolapse  
ASD II  
Patent ductus  
Common atrium

Transposition of great arteries  
Aortic valve stenosis  
Aortic Coarctation  
Tetralogy of Fallot

# CONCOR: CONgenitale CORvitia

2001: *Nationale registratie en DNA-bank voor patienten met een aangeboren hartafwijking*

Faciliteren van onderzoek

- naar lange termijn uitkomsten
- naar genetische oorzaak

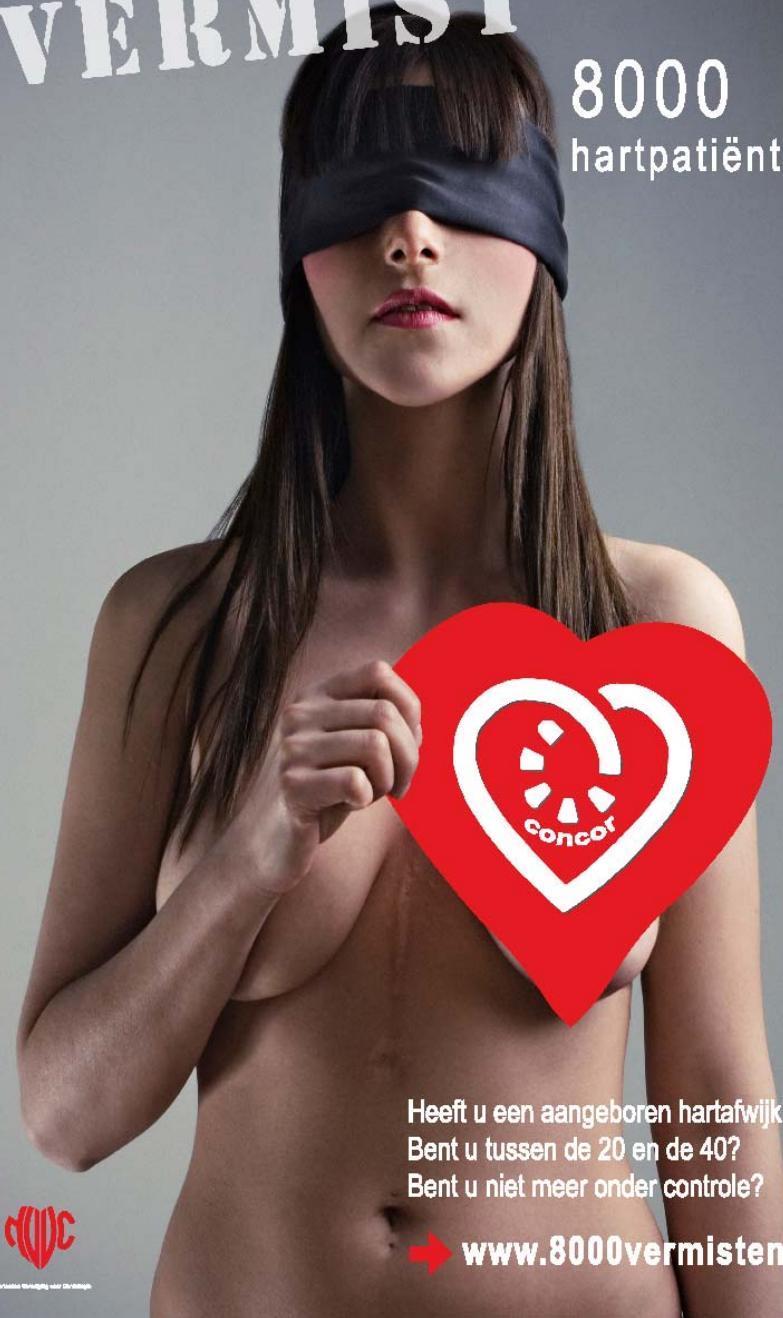
30.000 volwassenen  
25.000 kinderen

14.000 patiënten  
103 ziekenhuizen



# VERMIST

8000  
hartpatiënten



Heeft u een aangeboren hartafwijking?  
Bent u tussen de 20 en de 40?  
Bent u niet meer onder controle?

→ [www.8000vermisten.nl](http://www.8000vermisten.nl)



Belangrijke melding voor gezondheid

# VERMIST

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10 jaar  
**concor**

ICIN  
Netherlands  
Heart Institute  
1972 - forty years - 2012



# Complication risk of females vs. males

N=7000

Death



0.79 [0.57 - 1.09]

Pulmonary hypertension



1.33 [1.07 - 1.65]

Systemic hypertension



1.08 [0.88 - 1.33]

Aortic complications



0.67 [0.50 - 0.90]

CVA / TIA



0.88 [0.66 - 1.18]

Endocarditis



0.53 [0.40 - 0.70]

Pacemaker



0.91 [0.73 - 1.14]

ICD



0.45 [0.26 - 0.80]

Arrhythmia

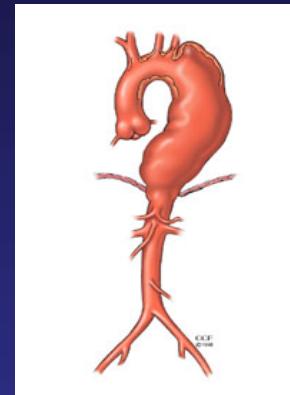


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# Why gender differences?

- Pulmonary hypertension
- Aortic surgery



- Endocarditis
- ICD implant



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Two-hit hypothesis:

1. Genetic susceptibility
2. Trigger of ASD

→ pulmonary vascular injury

# Increased incidence of endocarditis in men

Differences in lifestyle factors :

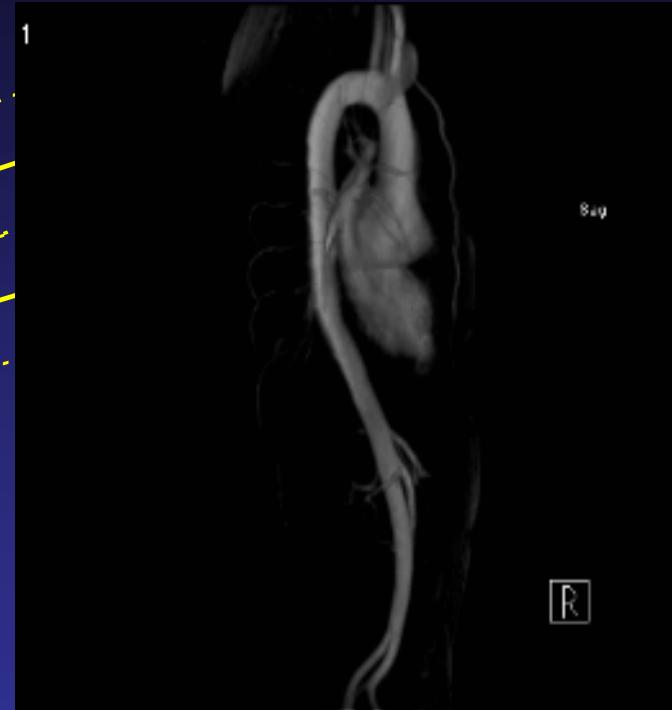
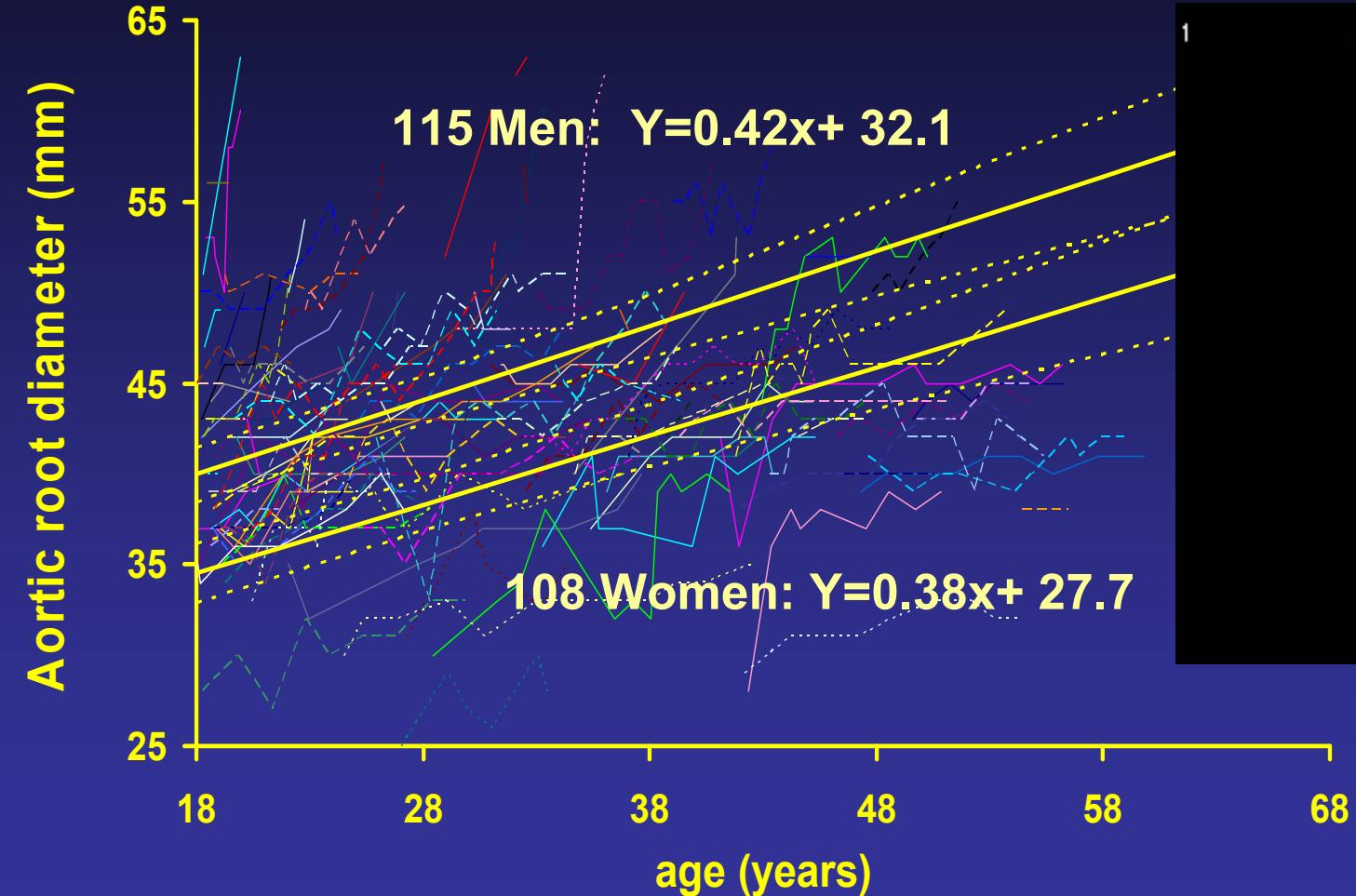


Poor oral hygiene  
and drug abuse  
are more common in men



Pay more attention to lifestyle habits in men

# Smaller aortic diameter in Marfan women

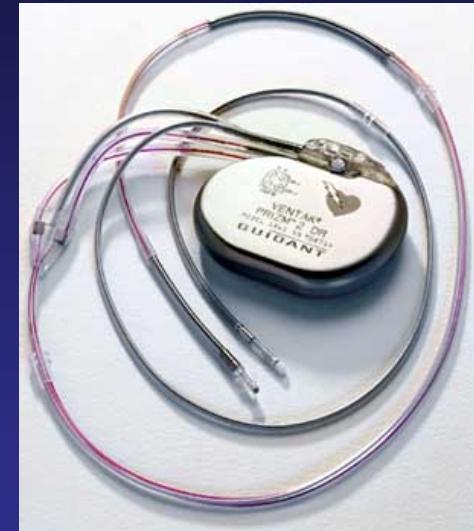


# Inadequate treatment of aortic aneurysms in women?

- Lower rates of aortic surgery in MFS  
*Meijboom et al, AJC 2005*
- Higher risk for rupture in aortic aneurysms  
*Clouse WD et al, JAMA 1998*
- Decreased survival after aortic dissection  
*Nienaber et al, Circulation, 2004*

# Less ICD implants in women

- No gender difference in ventricular arrhythmias.
- Equal benefit from ICD implant



gender bias ?



# Socio-demographic outcomes in CHD

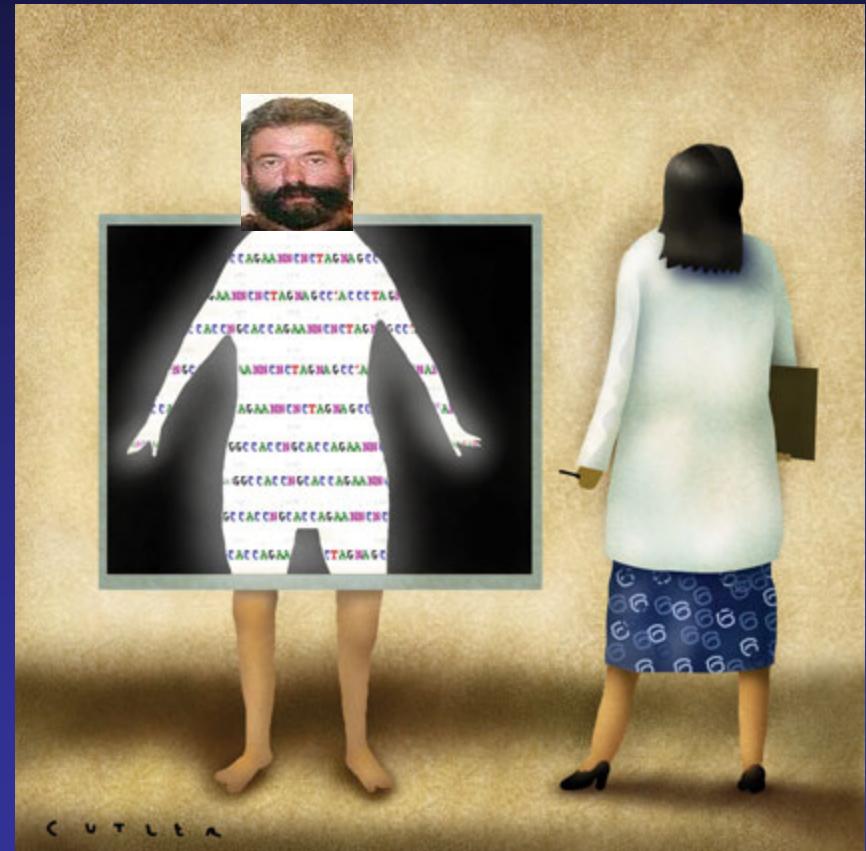
	CHD		Reference group	
	Women n=725	Men n=771	Women n=3723	Men n= 3027
Unemployment	1.28 (1.05-1.58)	2.51 (1.90-3.31)		
Low income < 30.000 €	3.26 (2.17-4.91)	2.49 (1.63-3.79)		
No relationship	2.54 (1.97-3.27)	5.51 (4.11-7.38)		

*OR ( 95% CI), corrected for age and educational attainment*

Zomer et al, Int J Cardiol 2012

# Genetic modification leads to gender differences

- Genetic
- Biological
- Hormonal
- Psychosocial



# Sex-specific approach in CHD



## Men

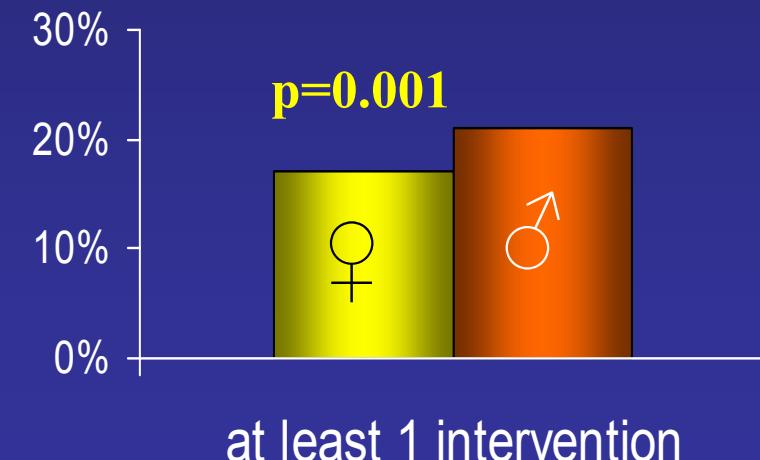
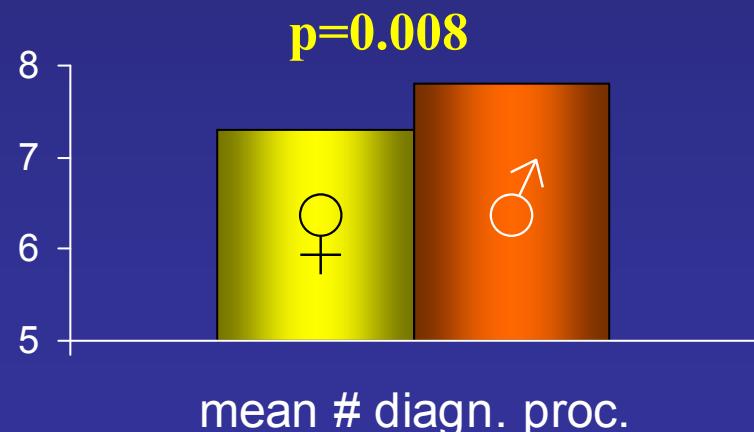
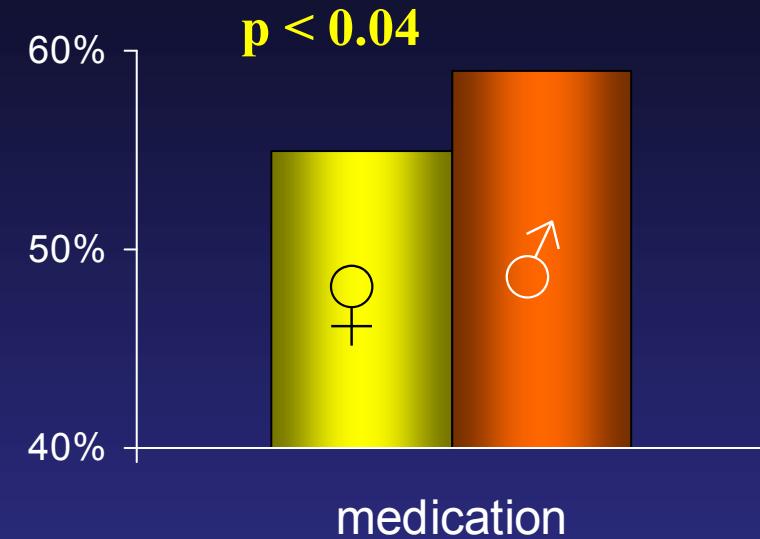
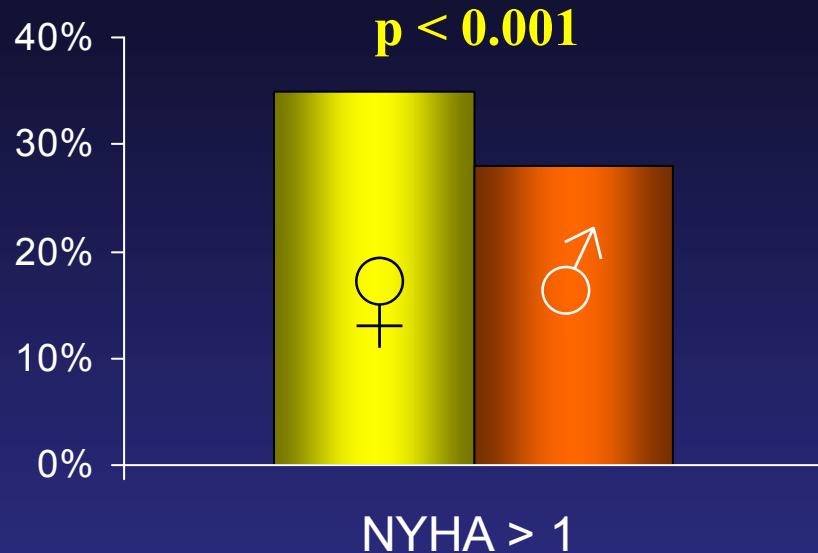
- Prevention endocarditis
- Closer FU
  - AS
  - Homografts

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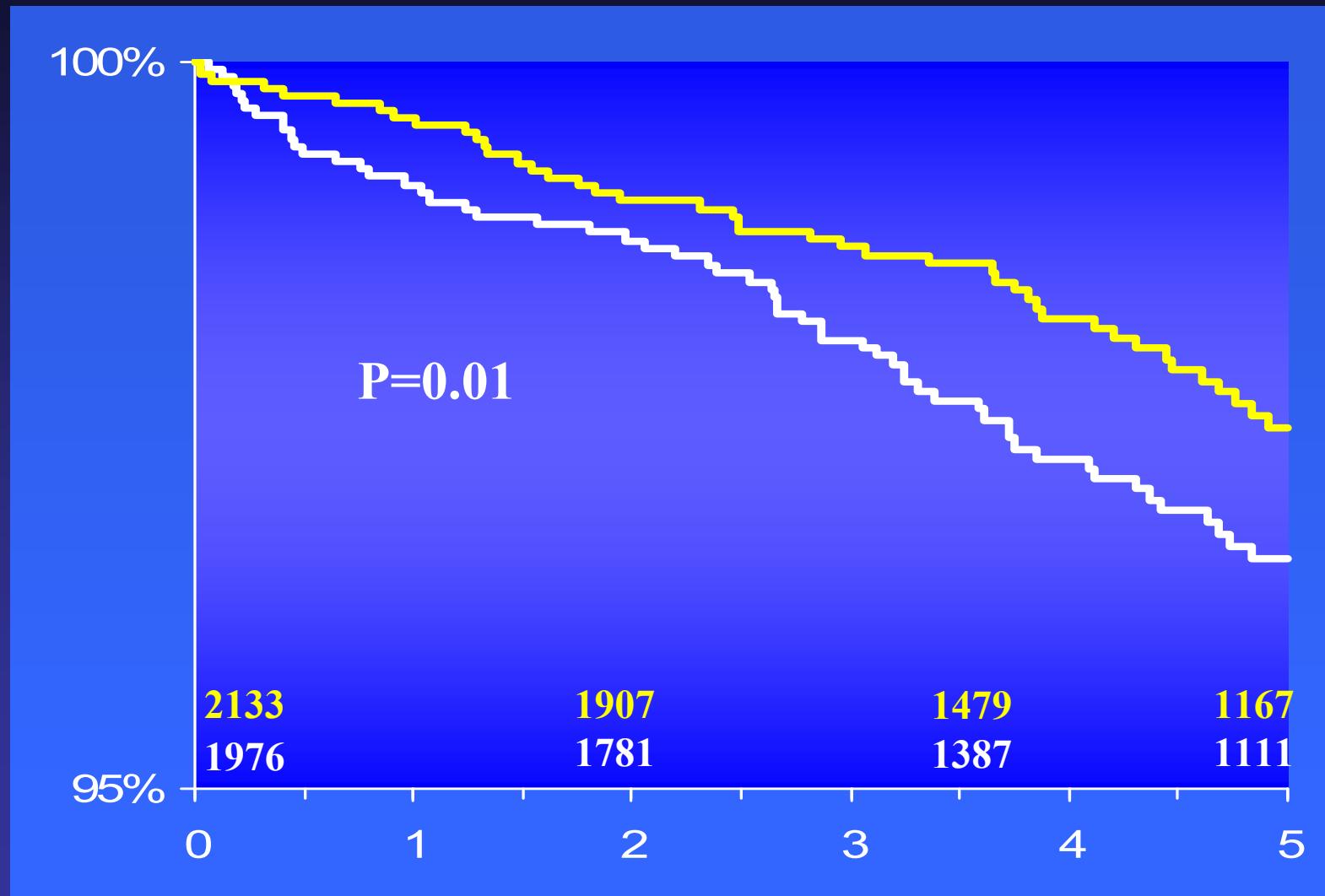
- Interpretation atypical presentation
- Prevention PAH (slimming pills)
- Closer FU of septal defects
- Toleration of drugs ↓
- Earlier timing of aortic surgery

# Gender differences in Euro Heart Survey

4168 patients



# Survival of men and women with CHD



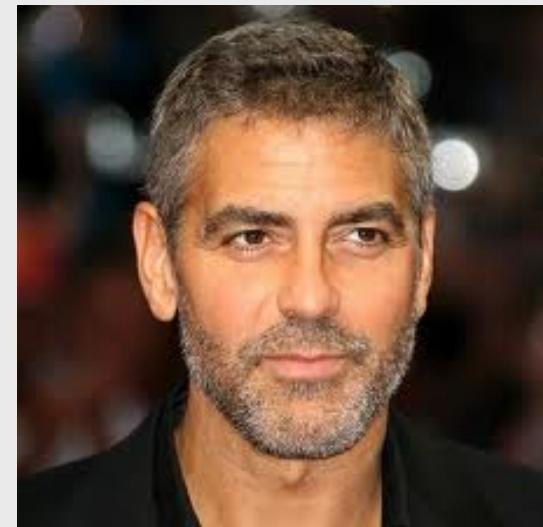
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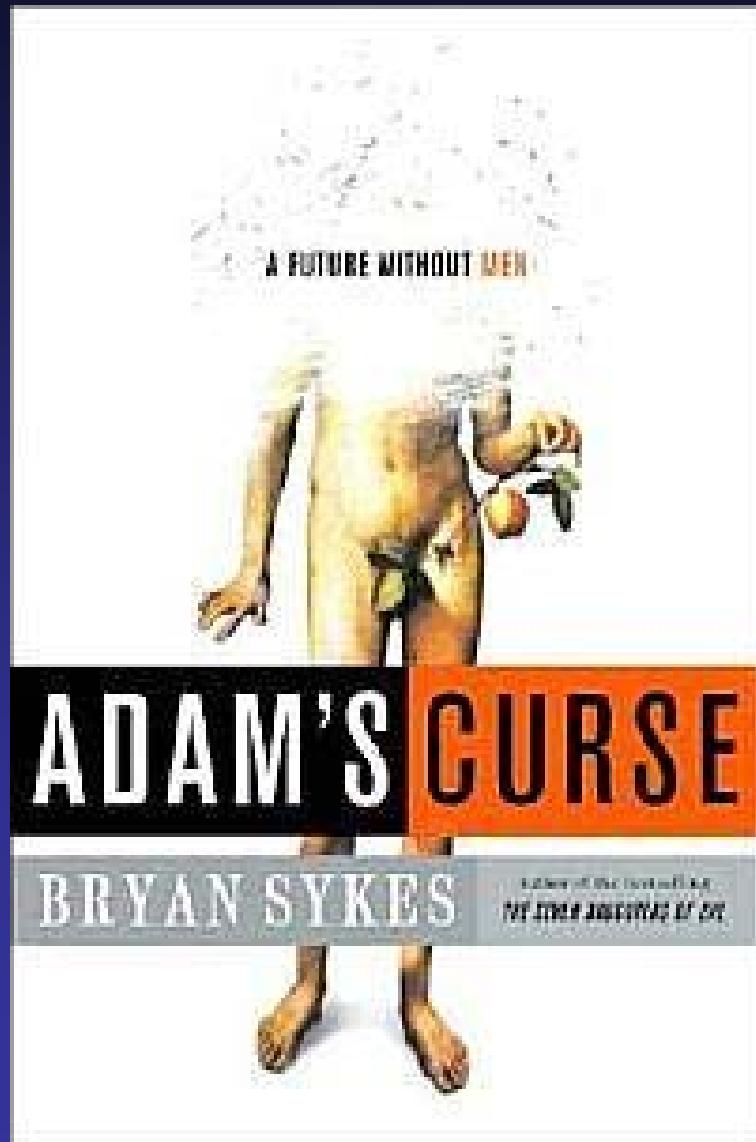
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# Men on road to extinction ?



# Adam's curse

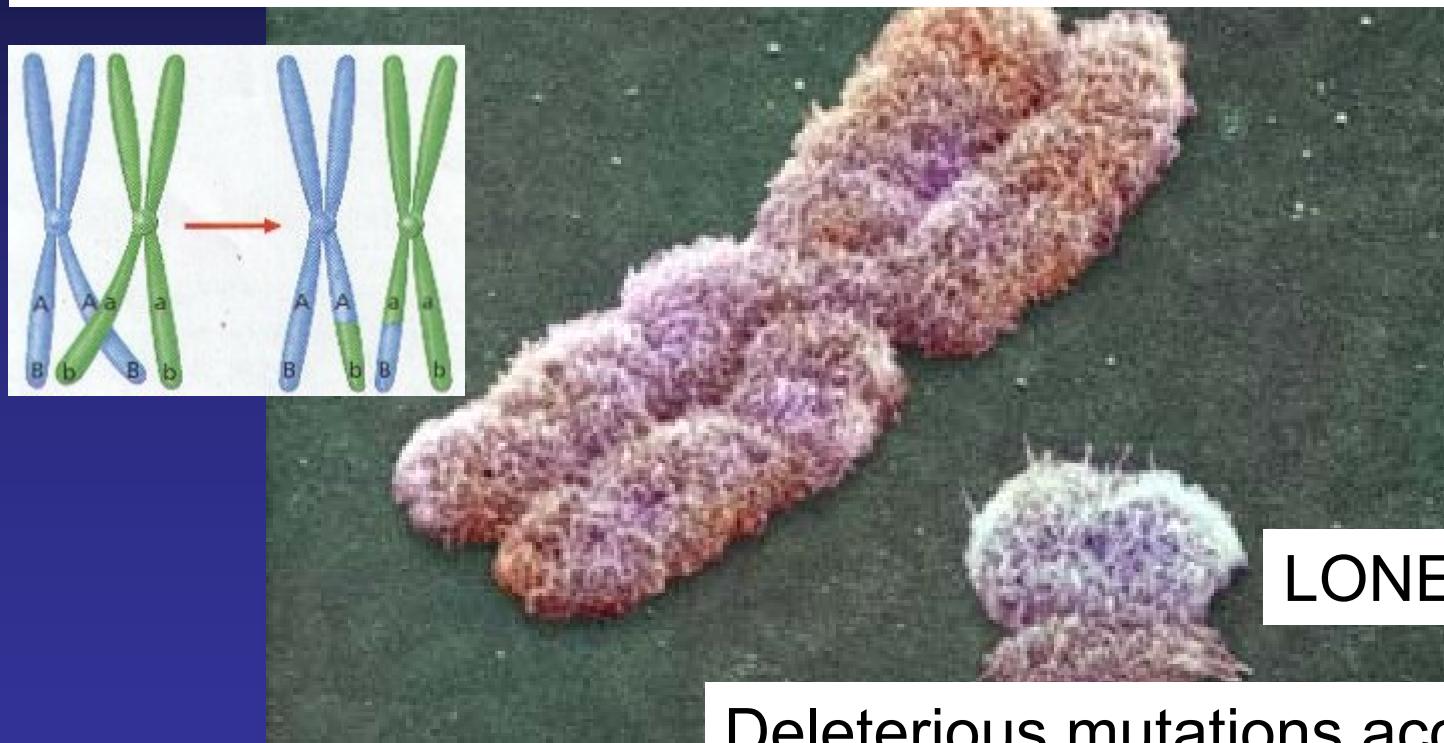
the human Y-chromosome is crumbling before our very eyes

Bryan Sykes, 2003



# Every mutation that was not fatal has been preserved in male descendants

When cells divide by meiosis their paired chromosomes exchange blocks of DNA



Deleterious mutations accumulate in each generation, causing irreversible long term decay

# De renhagedis



# Are Men Doomed to Be Like Rats?

Mole vole: Males and females, but no Y chromosome and no SRY gene

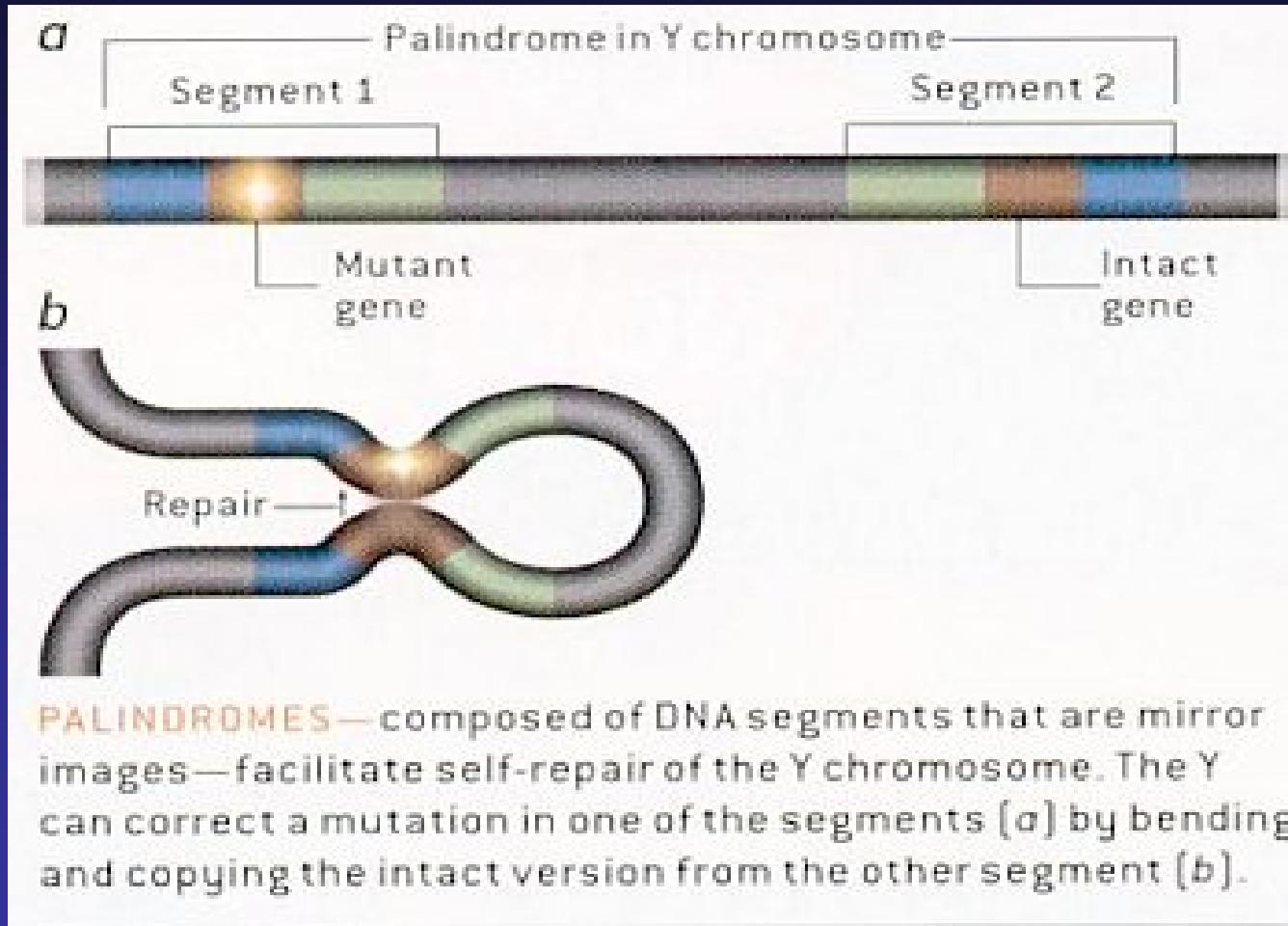


# Escaping Adam's curse

- Harmful variants cause infertility
- Instead of recombining with a partner chromosome the Y recombines with itself

Brian Sykes: “Adam’s Curse”, 2003

# Palindrome in Y-chromosome: facilitates self-repair



# Why can't a man be more like a woman?!

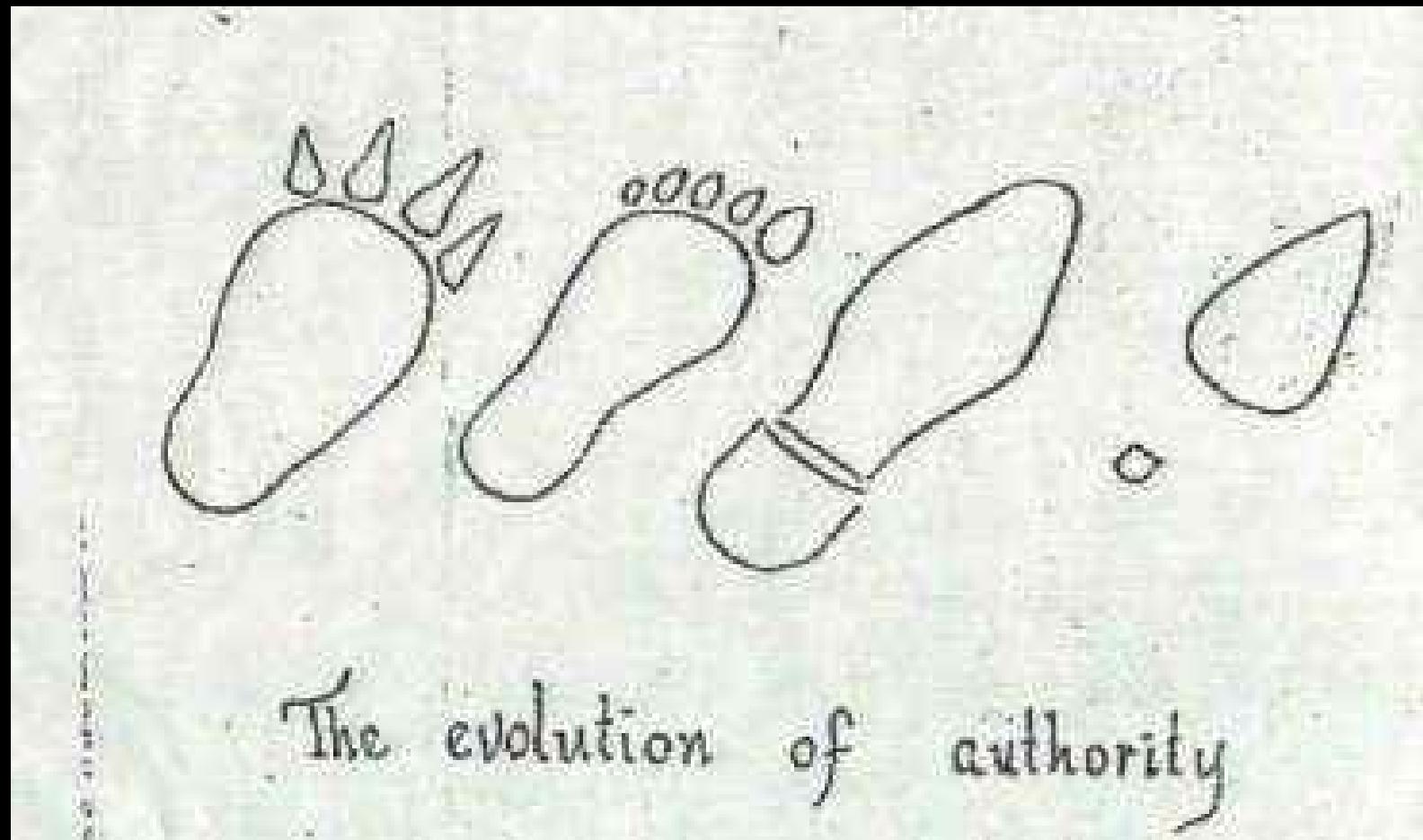
Human beings are genetically programmed to be female

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Men are genetically degenerate

From Ape to Man.... From Man to Civilised Man...

And from Man to Woman....



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