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Exploring female parity in pharmacoepidemiology authorship
A case study of the Canadian Network for Observational Drug Effect Studies and its citing articles

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OVERVIEW

Academia, like other sectors of society, has highlighted the importance of equity, diversity, and inclusion in its workforce. Women, however, remain underrepresented in many STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Medicine) disciplines and lag behind their male counterparts in measures of research output and impact. These measures include publications (volume, authorship position, type, etc.), which are critical not only for dissemination but also funding and career advancement.

The gender gap in authorship (i.e. the proportion of female to male authors) varies by discipline and country; this presentation will focus on an investigation of female authorship patterns in pharmacoepidemiology, specifically. The Canadian Network for Observational Drug Effect Studies (CNODES), funded by CIHR, studies the benefits and risks of post-market drugs using de-identified population-based administrative healthcare data. As part of an ongoing evaluation of its knowledge outputs, CNODES examined the gender patterns in authorship of its articles and the body of pharmacoepidemiology literature that cites them.

We will discuss our results and their implications. Further, we willl explore facilitators and barriers for women to scholarly productivity and reflections on moving forward.

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