

Gender dimensions in clinical research

Gender equality in provision of health care

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Gender and health

- Reproductive health
(breast-cancer, prostatic cancer)
- Different symptomatology due to **biological differences** eg myocardial infarction (Centres for gender-related medicine in Stockholm, New York and Berlin)
- Gender-neutral diseases eg psoriasis

A CONCRETE EXAMPLE OF UNEQUAL TREATMENT -PSORIASIS IN STOCKHOLM COUNTY COUNCIL

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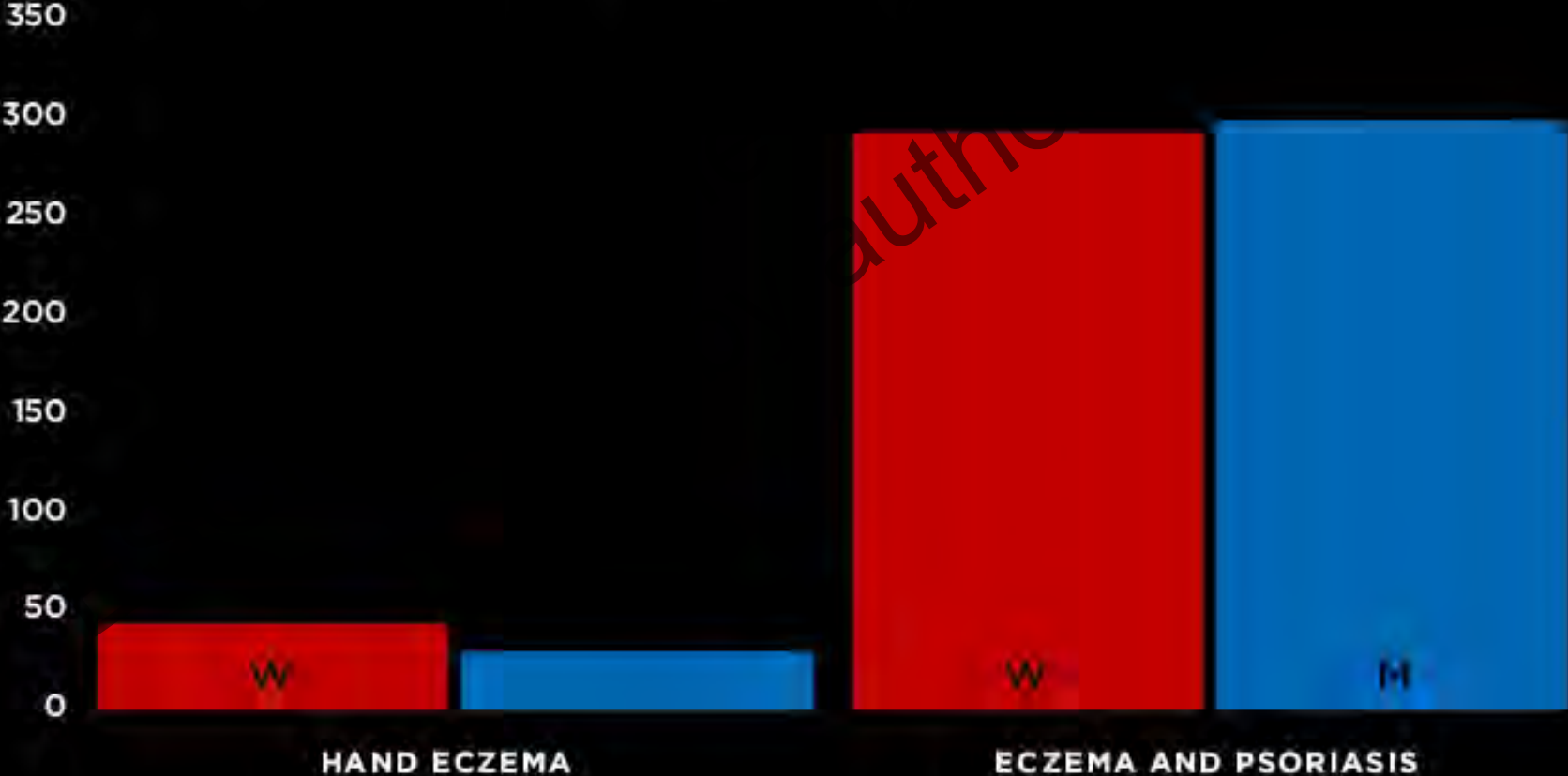
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THE LAUNDRY BAG PROJECT

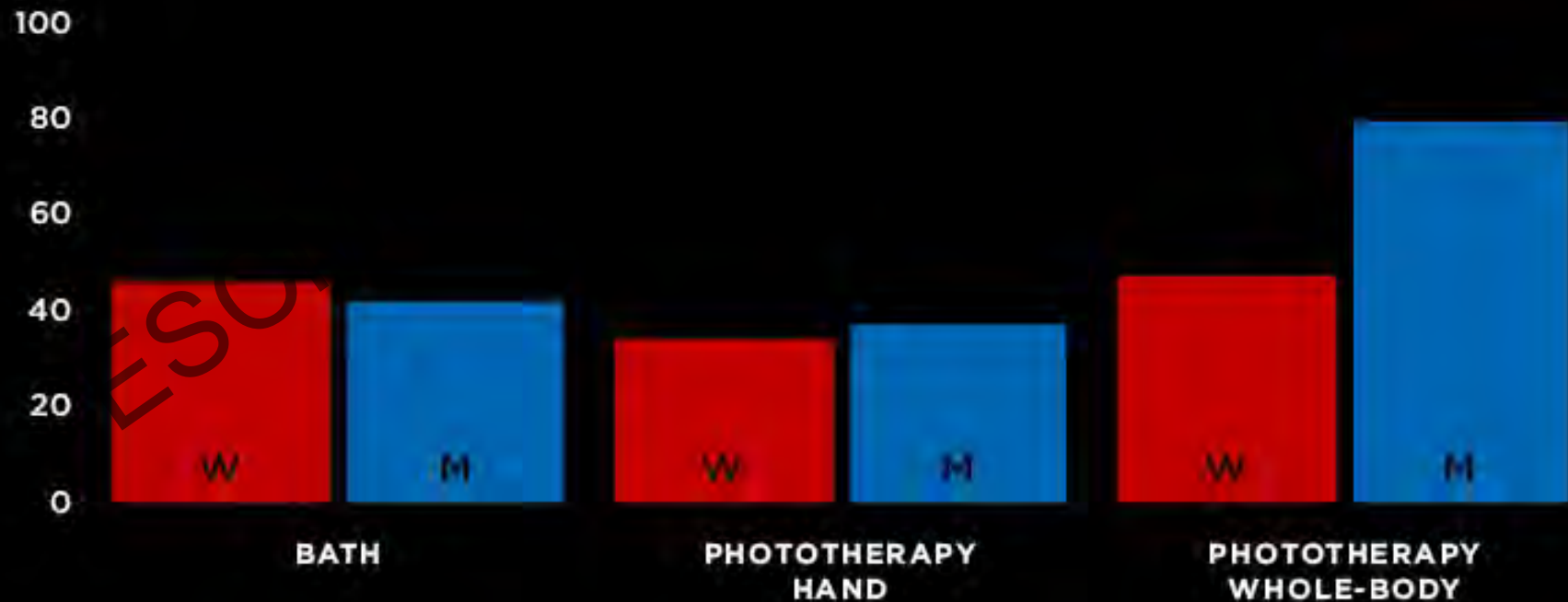
**GENDER INEQUALITIES
THAT ARE NOT JUST SKIN DEEP**



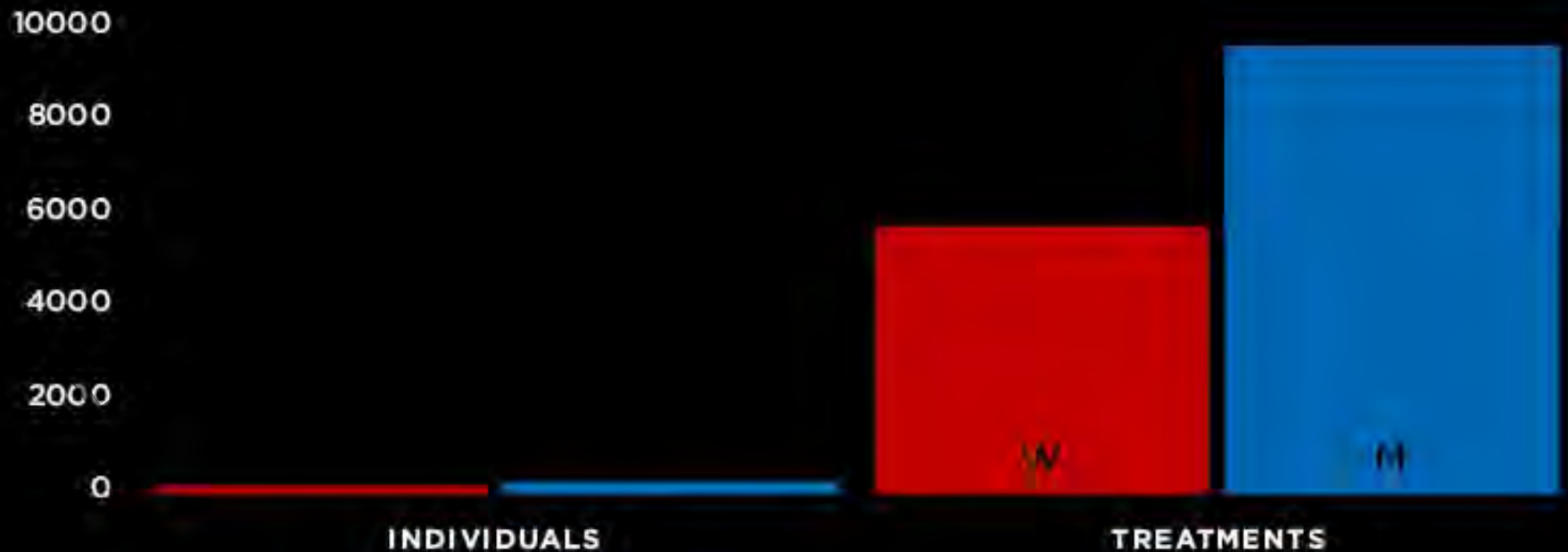
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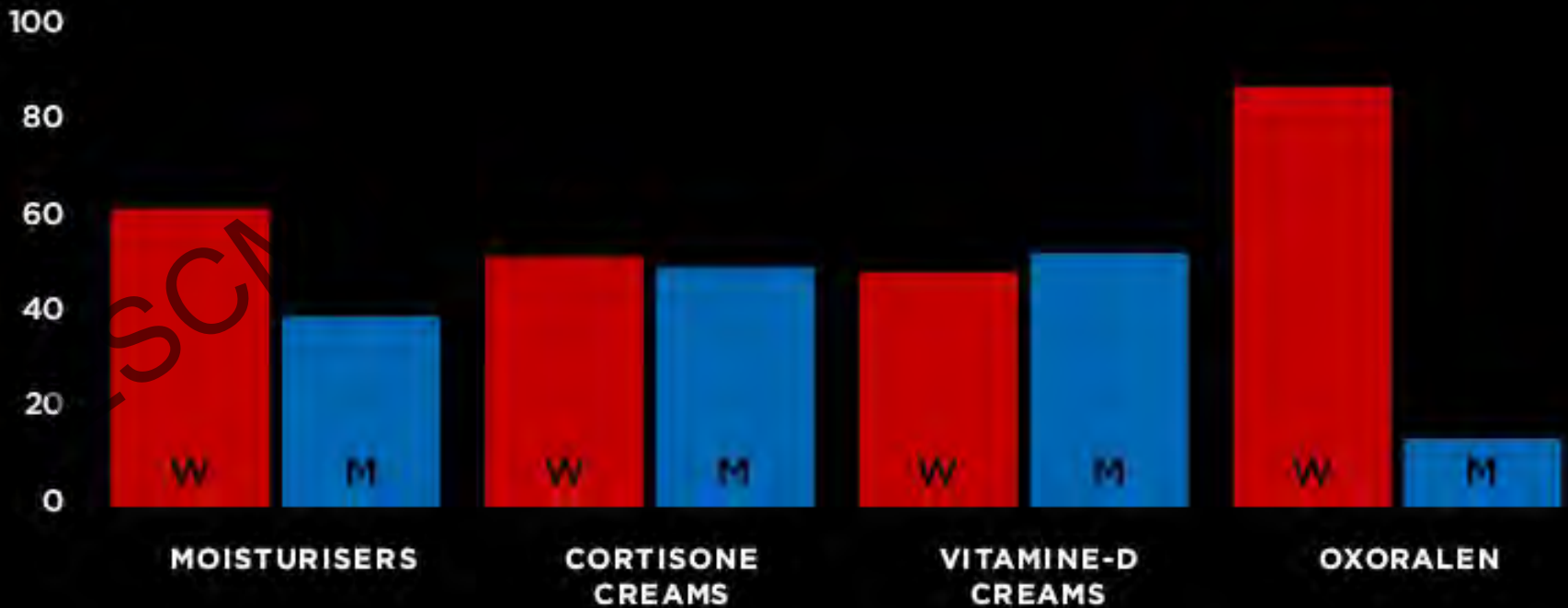
IN-CLINIC TREATMENT



SECOND TREATMENT UNIT



DISPENSED MEDICATIONS



TREATMENT COSTS TODAY



A FAIR BUDGET DISTRIBUTION



**IF MEN WERE
TREATED AS WOMEN
WE WOULD SAVE
22% OF THE
TREATMENT BUDGET**

(In)equalities due to gender in health care what to do-

- Sex-disaggregated statistics
- Study-design reconsidered
- Discussion of differences
- New knowledge acknowledged
- Distribution of R&D

Gender and health

- Reproductive health
(breast-cancer, prostatic cancer)
- Different symptomatology due to biological differences eg myocardial infarction
- Gender neutral diseases eg psoriasis
- Gender-related diseases/illnesses
(gender= social construct)

Gender equality in healthcare

To me it is about

- Human rights
- Quality of your production (whatever it is)
- Development of the organisation
- Optimal use of limited resources

” It is unethical, unintelligent and uneconomical not to work with gender issues”

Mr Trevis, director general, the European Council, June 2006