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(MCP), was one of first to argue that med students needed a broader indoctrination in women's well-being than a course on how to do a pelvic exam.

In 1993, Levison and her colleagues won a \$300,000 government grant to develop a model women's health curriculum that would feminize medical training by creating an awareness of gender differences in areas ranging from heart disease to the immune system. More and more medical schools are following MCP's lead and integrating women's health into the general curriculum.

But it's difficult for doctors to keep up with the explosion of new information about women's health. "We are a victim of our own success," says Dr. Glenda Donoghue, of the Institute for Women's Health at MCP/Hahnemann. "We're so flooded with findings from new research that the challenge is getting it into the medical community and translating it into practice."

Once doctors caught on to women's health, they started to argue about the best way to treat female patients. A lot of prominent women doctors want to establish a board-certified specialty in women's health for doctors trained to manage all female problems, in the way a pediatrician handles all the needs of children. Another, more popular view maintains that women's health shouldn't be segregated in the hands of a select group of specialists. Given the support these days for the broader training of generalists, it's unlikely, says Donoghue, that a new specialty will appear.

Meanwhile, a fierce battle rages between gynecologists and internists over who should get the larger share of this lucrative market. With managed care cutting drastically into doctors' fees, everyone is scrambling for a bigger piece of the pie, and women are wondering: Can we get optimal treatment from a primary-care doc who does pelvic and breast exams, or are we safe enough with a GYN who can manage our general health?

Dr. Michelle Battistini, a gynecologist and the director of Penn's Center for Women's Health, says it's a big mistake to think one specialist can serve all of a woman's needs. Her position is shared by Dr. Marie Savard, the author of *How To Save Your Own Life*. "You shouldn't assume that your primary-care physician has the expertise to pick up subtle abnormalities in a pelvic exam or to interpret a questionable Pap smear," Savard says, "any more than your GYN has the expertise to handle your cardiovascular disease or arthritis."

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