The impact of uterine health conditions on mental health

For people with uterine health conditions, many things can negatively impact mental health pain-related symptoms^{1,2}

medical gaslighting*4.5

embarrasment³

~60-80% of people with endometriosis

and

~25-50% of people with uterine fibroids

have symptoms like pain and heavy bleeding^{6,7}

Stigma can cause shame or embarrassment, making it hard to talk about periods⁸

~1 in 5 women do not feel comfortable talking about periods with their healthcare provider⁸

Nearly 60%

of people with endometriosis have **felt they were not taken seriously by their healthcare providers**⁵

Black women are more likely to have their pain dismissed than white women⁹

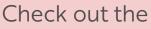
These conditions can worsen mental health^{1,10}

Compared to those without, people with uterine health conditions may be at higher risk of developing anxiety or depression^{1,10}



Fortunately, there are resources that can help...

Learn how to talk to your healthcare provider and find support



Uterine Health Guide for information on uterine health and women's health advocacy groups



Uterine**Health**Guide

Seek out organizations that can help you improve your mental health

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

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Mental Health America (MHA)

You are not alone. The right education



*Medical gaslighting is the dismissal or invalidation of a person's medical concerns by a healthcare provider.⁴



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