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Keeping a tab on global trends

Gretchen A Stevens et al. (630–639) analyse global mortality trends in women over 50.

Getting old, keeping fit

Geeske Peeters et al. (661–670) challenge assumptions about women's age and physical capacity.

Better than cure

Vivien Davis Tsu et al. (683–690) argue the case for breast and cervical cancer prevention in low-income settings.

Meeting all needs

Gustavo S Azenha et al. (704–706) recommend an integrated approach to women's health.

Challenging assumptions

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Steering a new course

Agnes Binagwaho et al. (697–703) describe how cervical cancer prevention was integrated into the national health system.

Fair treatment for men and women

Judith Rodin (710–711) applies a gender lens to universal health coverage.

Correcting policy failures

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Tracking silent epidemics

Yichong Li et al. (650–660) survey risk factors for chronic diseases in women.

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Counting deaths – designing responses

Silvana Luciani et al. (640–649) report national trends in deaths from breast and cervical cancer.

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Defining risks

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Reaching women

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