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Beyond the (Standard) Male: Collaborating to Increase Faculty and Student Awareness of Sex and Gender Differences in Health Research

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Objective: Funded by the National Library of Medicine (NLM) and the National Institutes of Health's Office of Research in Women's Health (ORWH), this project partners with faculty in challenging traditional assumptions about the applicability of the "standard male" patient/subject by hosting networking events, presenting, and facilitating access to research in sex and gender differences in health.

Methods: Collaborating with faculty in genetics, health disparities, and medicine, librarians planned and presented concepts of sex and gender differences in health and relevant resources in courses and professional development seminars in 2013. They will extend these collaborations to new groups in 2014, including 10th graders being introduced to scientific disciplines as possible career choices; graduate and professional students working with families on identifying major health concerns and potential solutions; and public health, obstetrics/gynecology, and neuroscience faculty and students. Librarians have held three "Collaborating with Strangers" sessions--with one more planned for fall--to encourage researchers from different disciplines to learn about others' work. Also in the fall, the library will host a one-day workshop on Gender and Health for UF faculty, students, and staff as well as interested parties from the local community (e.g. public health workers, the local college).

Results: (Later)

Conclusions: (Later)