CONVENTIONAL BIOMEDICAL APPROACH





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We talk about the medicalization of women's health when we approach natural phenomena of the female body such as the menstrual cycle, childbirth or menopause as if they were pathological and needed to be "treated."

The medicalization of the cycle infantilizes young and older women as if it was taken for granted that they were not responsible enough to manage their contraception. Women are not; however, a herd of irresponsible females to be protected from themselves!

In a feminist approach, we could, from adolescence and during gynecological follow-ups, teach young girls and women to know their cycle well by observing signs of fertility and taking temperature instead of avoiding the subject of symptothermia for fear of the consequences. Thus, with education on the impact of lifestyle habits and nutrition on women's health as well as clear and vulgarized information on the different kinds of synthetic contraception and their respective effects, women of all ages would be better able to make choices tailored to their values and needs.

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