

# **National and international significance of the *Sexuality of Men – Men’s Health Report***

Men’s sexual health is too often seen as being just about HIV, syphilis, chlamydia or other sexually transmitted infections. The definition is sometimes broadened to include problems like erectile dysfunction and premature ejaculation. These issues are, of course, extremely important and deserve much more attention.

But the authors of this unique, timely and authoritative report are to be congratulated for adopting a much more comprehensive view of sexual health. As they rightly demonstrate, sexual health for men is about well-being as well as diseases, it is an issue across the lifespan and for men of all sexualities, and is inextricably linked to male gender roles and norms. It is particularly heartening to see that the sexual health of older men, disabled men and transsexual men are covered in the report as these are prominent among the groups of men too often overlooked.

This report is significant for the development of men’s health work in Germany but also in Europe and much more widely.

Men’s health researchers, practitioners and advocates around the world should both learn from it and seek to replicate it in their own countries.

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