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Low Sexual Desire is Common



1 in 3 women

between the ages 40 - 64 will experience HSDD* which can severely impair relationships, mental health, social functioning and overall quality of life. 1,2,3

Let's Talk...

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| 1. | Many women going through menopause have concerns about sexual function; is this a concern for you? | | Yes | | No |
| 2. | Are you happy to discuss your concerns with your doctor? | | Yes | | No |
| 3. | When was your last menstrual period? | | Less than 12 months | | More than 12 months |

^{*} Hypoactive Sexual Desire Disorder (HSDD) is low sexual desire which is distressing **References: 1.** Simon JA. Climacteric 2018:5:415-427. **2.** Worsley R. J Sex Med 2017;14(5):675-686. **3.** Fooladi E. Climacteric 2014;17:674-681.

Many factors including hormonal changes at menopause and/or issues involving both you and your partner can impact your sex life.



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Your doctor can help you explore the issues and advise on treatment options.

Are you happy to discuss your concerns? If YES...

Step one: Organise a long appointment with your doctor. **Step two:** Prepare what you want to discuss with your doctor:

- Symptoms: Any sexual difficulties you are experiencing
- **Sexual history:** Relationships and experiences since becoming sexually active including any history of abuse.
- Medical history: List of your current medication
- Any other questions you may have?

Your doctor may ask the following personal questions to help determine the best course of treatment:

- What sexual problems are you having?
- How satisfied are you with your relationship or partner?
- Do you have difficulty to get aroused, does it take longer or is it harder to achieve?
- Is it difficult to achieve orgasm, does it take longer or is it harder to achieve?
- Do you use alcohol or recreational drugs? How much and how often?



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