



Squirt ice is a sculptural intervention in which Julia Frankenberg offers consumable popsicles in shapes of the female prostatic gland.

TODAY, the Prostate Feminina is celebrating 20 years of official recognition as a functioning organ by the Federative International Committee on Anatomical Terminology (FICAT).

How did the female prostate went unnoticed for so long?

Why is the female pleasure organ so poorly studied?

SQUIRTING

The glandular tissue, of the female prostate, swells by direct stimulation and increases the sensation of pleasure. The G-spot is part of the paraurethral gland system, which is adjacent to the vaginal wall. Depending on the characteristics of the female prostate, women are capable to squirt, i.e. to ejaculate. Some women are even able to squirt much more than men and even longer. In Japanese, women's ejaculate is also called "water of immortality".¹

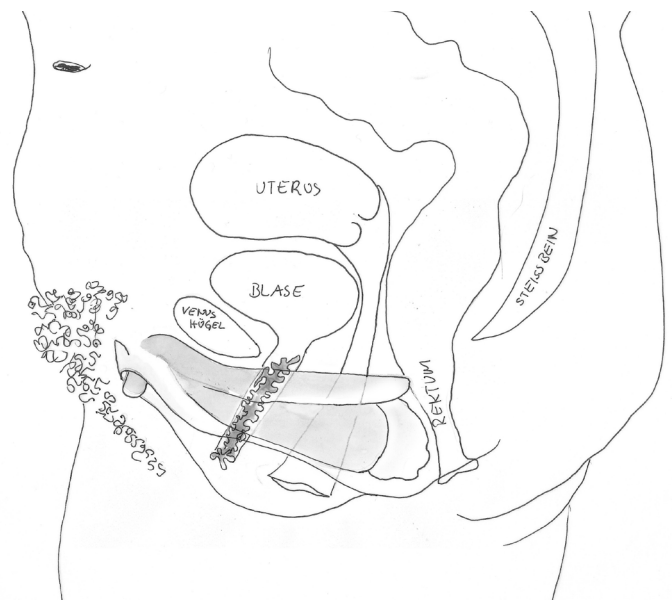
Gender Data Gap

The centuries-long negation of female prostate tissue ² is an example of the Gender Data Gap. Among other things, it hinders medical research on incontinence and prostate cancer in women. In 1948, wax models of the female prostate were first created by gynecologist Huffmann ³ to demonstrate the homology of female prostate tissue to the male prostate. Unlike its male counterpart, the female prostate is not located as a closed organ encompassing the urethra, but is integrated into the urethral wall. Up to this date, an image of the female prostate generated with MRI data exists only from female mice.

The female prostate of mice has been better studied than that of women!⁴

prostatic tissue

In every embryo the prostatic tissue is created equally. Among many other factors, the concentration of various hormones determines the size of the organ; it is not clear whether the size is related to the production of the ejaculate ^{3,5}. Despite its official recognition almost 20 years ago, there is no material on the paraurethral gland in current medical textbooks and it is still unknown to most students, teachers and practicing physicians* and it has not been completely researched yet!!!





Popsicles - sculptures

The complex shapes of the female prostate are modelled after three drawings of Huffmann's wax models and molded with food-safe silicone. The various 3-dimensional popsicles molds are handfilled with syrup-saturated water, frozen and then demolded. Due to the manufacturing process, each popsicle is unique, just as each prostate in the body has its own individual shape.

It is important to focus on the closing of the Gender Data Gap. Let's end the exclusionary knowledge production.

Bon appetit.

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I am a sculptor living in Berlin. I have studied art in Weimar and Hamburg. I lurk for overlooked potentials since the Neolithic concerning women's history and natural history. In search to establish counter-narratives I work with ephemeral ambiguous porous materials. In the end alchemy is not witchcraft.

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*1 Stephanie Haerdle, „SPRITZEN“, Nautilus Verlag, 2020

*2 Culturally, women squirting was well known even to the Greeks and the first anatomical drawings existed as early as 1844 by G.L.Kobelt. De Graf describes it already in 1672, Wikipedia

*3 The Detailed Anatomy Of The Paraurethral Ducts In The Adult Human Female
John W. Huffmann, M.D., Chicago, ILL.

(From the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Northwestern University Medical School, and the Gynecological Service of Passavant Memorial Hospital, 1948)

*4 The Female Prostate: The Newly Recognized Organ of the Female Genitorinary System
Biól. Alberto Rubio-Casillas, and Mtro. César Manuel Rodríguez-Quintero
Universidad de Guadalajara, Jalisco, México. 2009.

*5 Milan Zaviaeie, The human female Prostate, From vestigial Skene's Paraurethral Glands and Ducts to women's functional Prostate, Slovak Academic Press, 1999

