



A Policy Framework for Women's Health in Europe: A Model for Medical Cannabis Policy

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From ~~Pathology~~

→ to Function



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The Illinois Precedent

Approved conditions:

Endometriosis

Ovarian Cysts

Female Orgasmic Disorder

Uterine Fibroids



👉 All specific to women

What This Represents



Not just approvals



Recognition of women's
health in policy



Integration of multiple
domains of care



A gender-informed shift in medicine

THE PATTERN

Pain-Based Conditions

Endometriosis

Ovarian Cysts

Uterine Fibroids

  Chronic pelvic pain conditions

Common Clinical Features



Pain



Inflammation



Hormonal Dysregulation



Underdiagnosis

Expanding the Frame

Female Orgasmic Disorder

A condition that expands the scope of women's health policy beyond pain alone.

Introduces:

- Function
- Capacity
- Regulation

The Shift in Focus

From "what is wrong"
to "what is not yet accessible"

EVIDENCE

Emerging Evidence Across Women's Health Conditions

Endometriosis

Pain reduction and anti-inflammatory effects observed

Ovarian Cysts / Uterine Fibroids

Symptom management and quality-of-life improvements (emerging data)

Female Orgasmic Disorder

Increased ability to access orgasm reported across multiple populations

 Evidence spans both

Pain-Based Conditions

Function-Based Conditions

Female Orgasmic Function: Emerging Observations

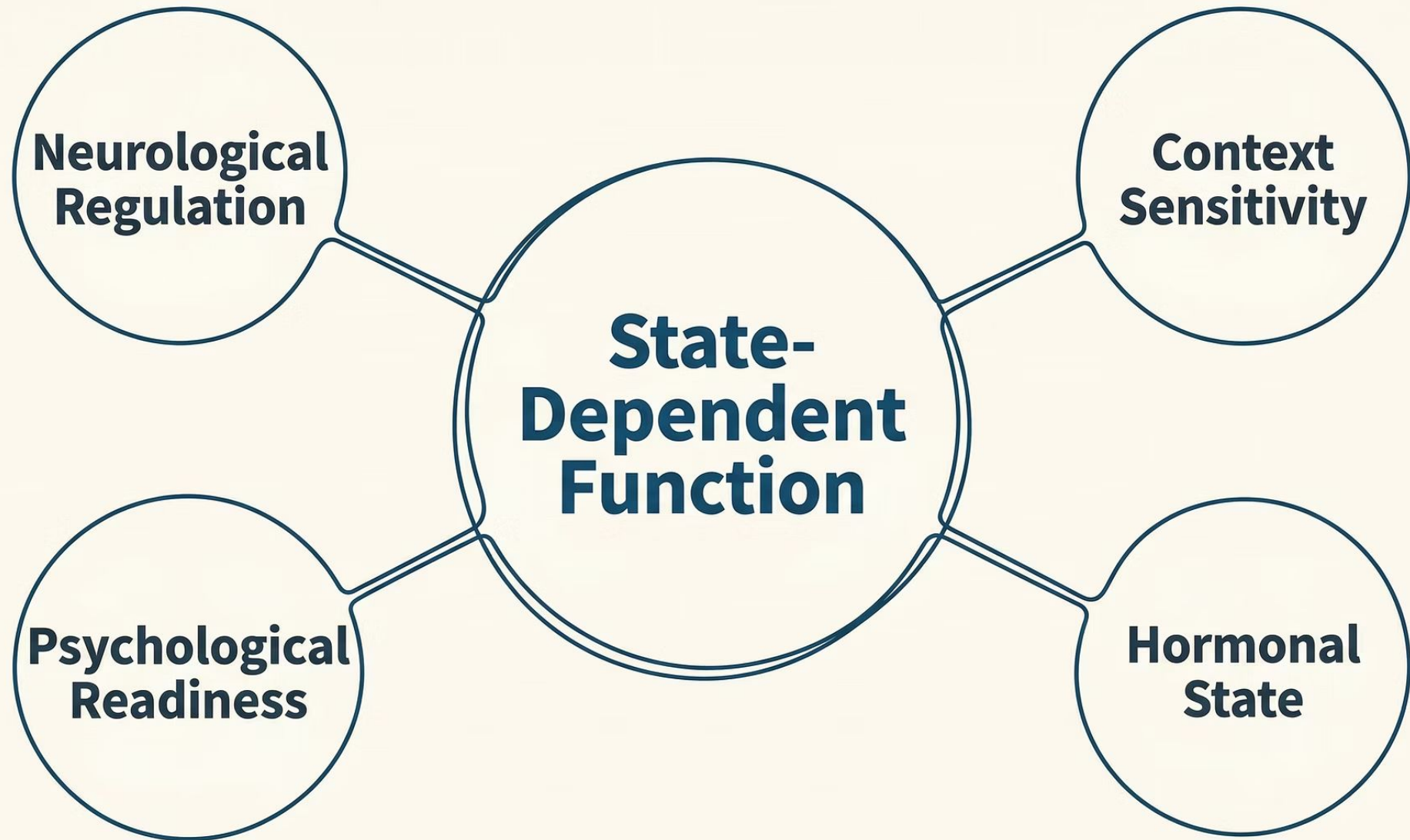
Observed across:

- Lifelong
- Acquired
- Situational

Women report:

- Increased ability to access orgasm
- Greater consistency of response

📄 🙌 Suggests a role in **state-dependent function**



Clinical Significance

High

Prevalence

High prevalence of orgasmic difficulty

Limited

Treatment Options

Limited effective treatment options available

Zero

Approved Therapies

No approved pharmacologic therapies

👉 A persistent and
unmet medical need



WHAT THIS SUGGESTS

Orgasm may be:



State-Dependent



Neuroregulatory



Context-Sensitive

Beyond Pain

Women's health ≠ only pain management

Includes:

→ Function

→ Capacity

→ Quality of Life

Anchored in Global Health

The World Health Organization defines health as:

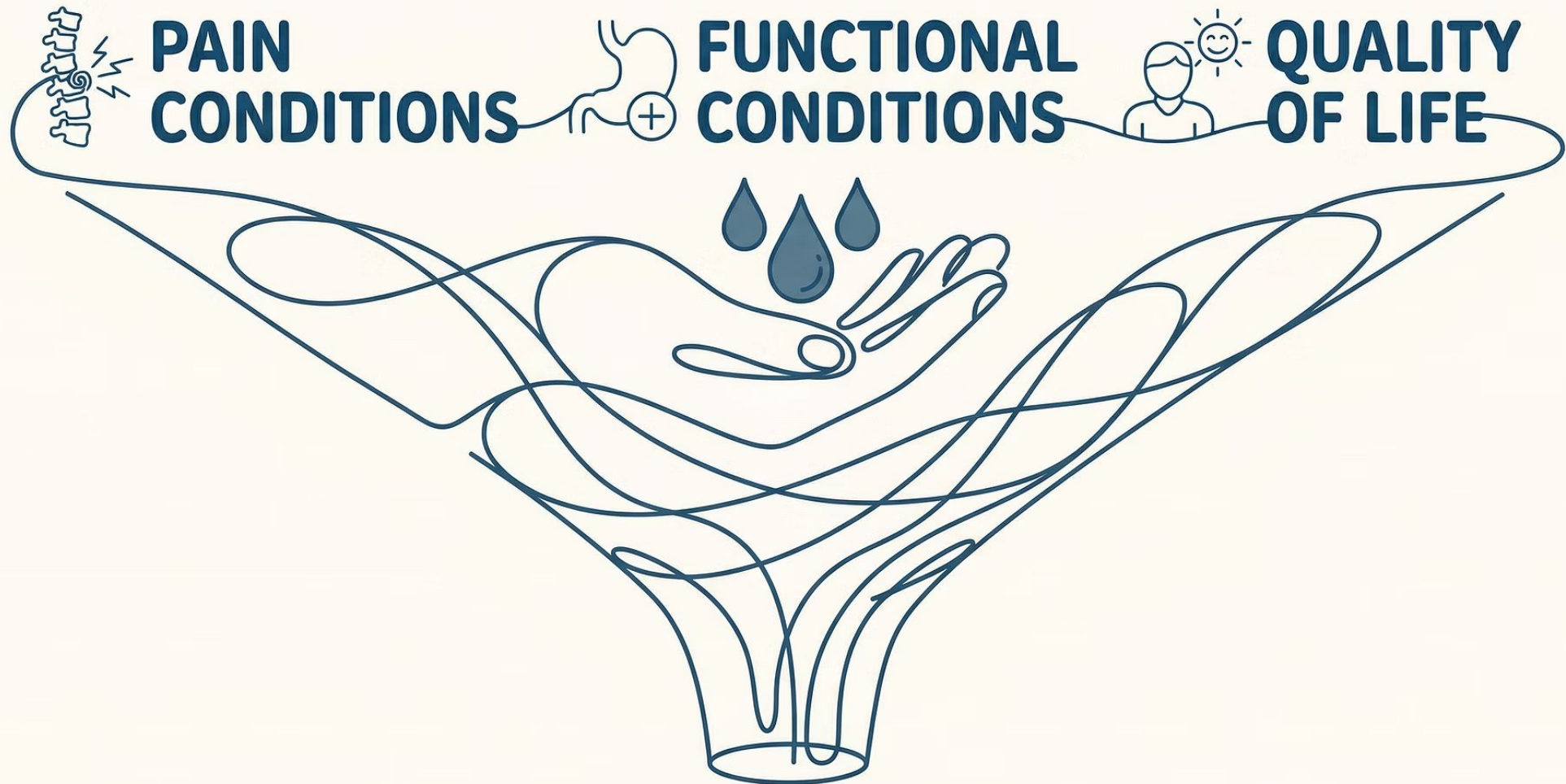
👉 not merely the absence of disease, but a state of physical, mental, and social well-being



👉 Health includes function—
not just pathology

The Policy Insight

📌 This model offers a framework for how women's health can be integrated into medical cannabis policy



Why Illinois Matters

Integrates

- Pain conditions
- Functional conditions

Recognizes

- Female-specific health needs

Expands

- Definition of medical necessity



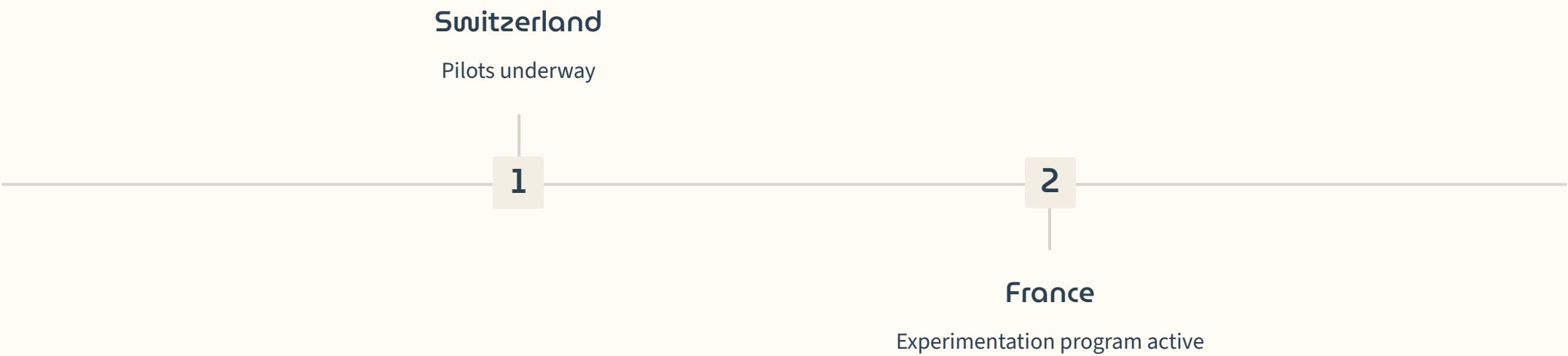
◆ EUROPE

Europe at a Crossroads

Expanding Medical Cannabis Frameworks

Opportunity to Define Structure Early

Current Momentum



📄 🙌 Policy window is open

A Framework for Europe

01

Include female-specific conditions

02

Recognize function alongside
pathology

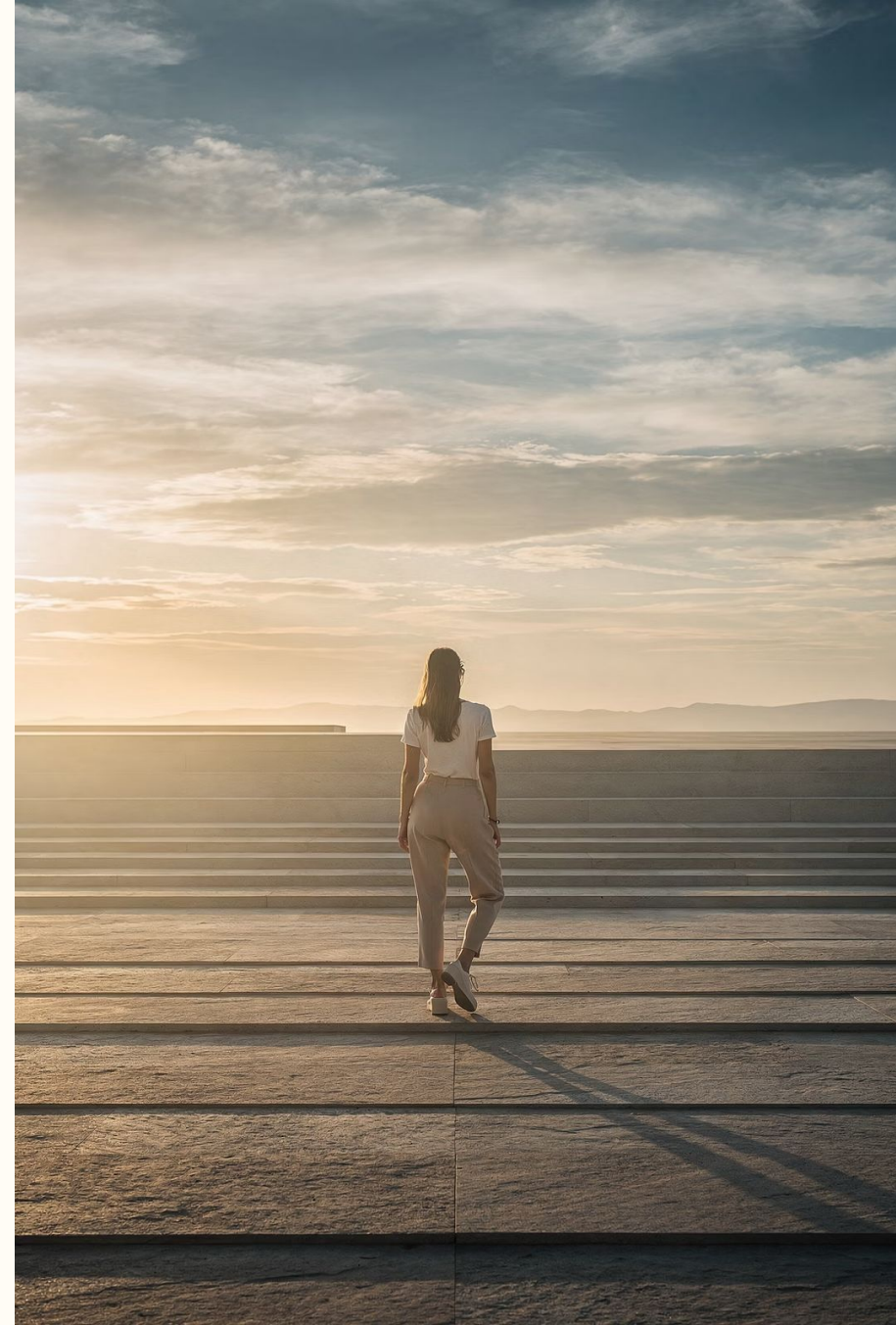
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Support clinical + research
integration

Closing Reflection

What Becomes Possible

As we expand how we define health— beyond pathology, to include function and capacity—
What becomes possible is not only new treatments, but new models of care, new standards of
research, and more complete integration of women's health into policy.



 This model offers a framework

for how women's health can be integrated into medical cannabis policy.

"And Europe now has the opportunity to shape what comes next."

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