

The global prevalence of erectile dysfunction

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A review of published studies found that estimates for the global prevalence of erectile dysfunction vary widely, ranging from 3% to 76.5%. The findings are published in *BJU International*.

The variation may reflect differences in study population ages and different definitions and assessment methods of erectile dysfunction.

Erectile dysfunction was linked with increased risks of cardiovascular disease, dementia, and [early death](#).

The authors noted that early detection of erectile dysfunction may help improve quality of life in affected men, and also indicate when interventions may be warranted to prevent [cardiovascular disease](#) and early death. "Due to the sensitive nature of the topic, physicians should consider screening for [erectile dysfunction](#) in at-risk patients, as information may not be volunteered," they wrote.

More information: Anna Kessler et al, The global prevalence of erectile dysfunction: a review, *BJU International* (2019). [DOI: 10.1111/bju.14813](#)

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