

# The Millennium Challenge: What Sexual Medicine for the Young Generation?

## Introduction: from X to Z: some keys on the generations :



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# Generation X

- according to the classification of William Strauss and Neil: group of Westerners born between 1966 and 1976 (other specialists period 1961 -1983)
- sandwiched between the baby boomers and Generation Y.
- situated in a social transition, from the decline of colonial imperialism to the fall of the Berlin Wall (which marked the end of the Cold War).
- Located just after the baby boomers (around 1943-1966), this generation has experienced a professional dip, finding it hard to find stable, well-paying jobs.
- The new forms of generational precariousness are specific to it, especially in the countries of Southern Europe, as is the well-documented case of the Spanish mileuristas, as the sociologist Louis Chauvel analyzes it.



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# Generation Y

- in the West, all people born between 1980 and 2000
- origin of this name :
  - from the previous generation, named generation X
  - from the English phonetic of the expression "Y" (pronounced / waɪ /), meaning "why »
- essentially valid for Western countries but wider due to major geopolitical elements:
  - They did not have to face the threat of cold war apocalypse.
  - They did not know the world without AIDS.
  - They were young enough during the massive introduction of consumer computing to have acquired an intuitive mastery that generally exceeds that of their parents (hence the nickname "digital natives")
  - They have however known computer without the Internet.
  - They were born with the beginnings of the general public's interest in ecologism (which previously was the affair of a minority).
  - The video game is for them a banal entertainment, unlike Generation X for which it was still sometimes perceived as marginal.
- In 2015, the Y generation represented 15% of the European population

# Generation Z

- born around 2000 until today.
- after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, around the attacks of 11 September 2001, before the Arab Spring.
- always known a world with a large presence of computers and the Internet.

« dumb utopians who will require a new entrepreneurial management; their energy must be channeled to positive ends, which will imply the establishment of structuring, educational, and psychological management models (Didier Pitelet).

« the generation Z has "an uninhibited relationship to error! For them, it is normal to be wrong: they do not demonize failure like other generations » (Nicolas Sadirac).

« digital naive: 83% of young people between the ages of 19 and 25 have a Facebook account, which most people use to consume information, not to create it (Jean-Noel Lafargue)

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# In summary

## VERTICAL

X

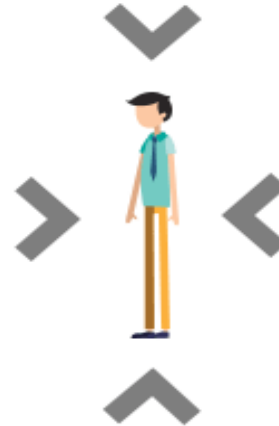


Je m'inscris dans une logique intergénérationnelle tant dans ma vie professionnelle que personnelle.

I am part of an intergenerational logic both in terms of my professional life and personal

## CENTRAL

Y



Je mets l'individu au centre de tout et le premier individu, c'est moi; Première génération mondiale, je m'inscris dans un écosystème.

I put the individual at the center of everything and the first individual is me. First generation worldwide I register in an ecosystem

## HORIZONTAL

Z

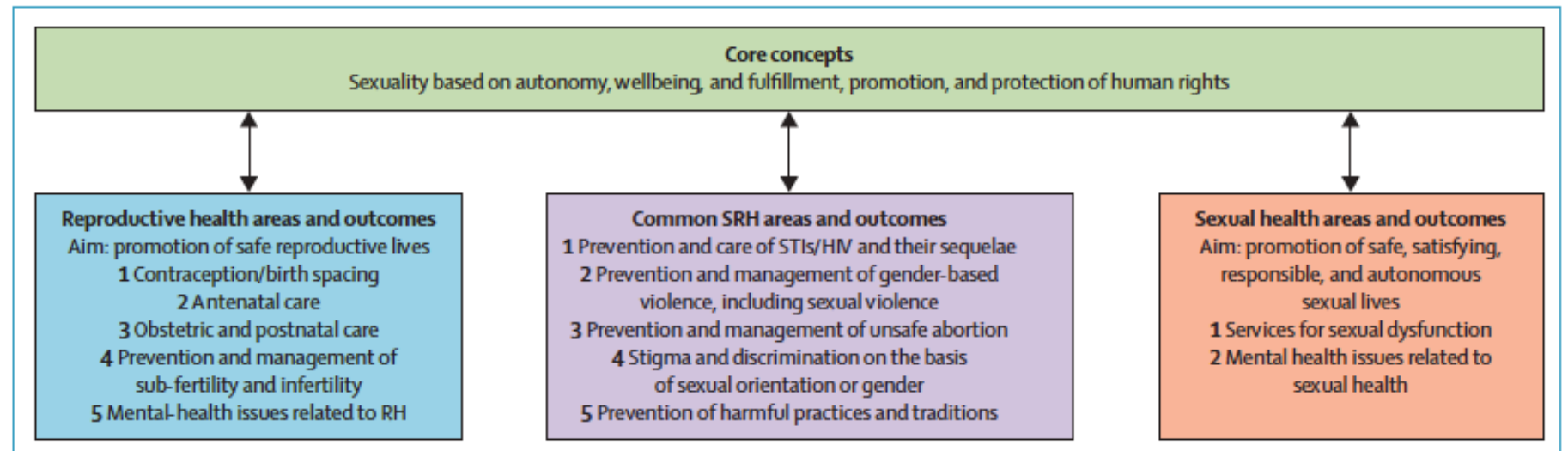


Je m'inscris dans une logique transversale et je me sens proche des mes pairs aux quatre coins du monde.

I register in a transversal logic and I feel close to my peers in the four corners of the world



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**Figure: Core concepts underlying sexual and reproductive health**

STIs=sexually transmitted infections. RH=reproductive health. SRH=sexual and reproductive health.

