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# Sit Still and Pay Attention:

## ADHD and Gender

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ADHD at CIHR's Café Scientifique blog:  
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Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House

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In 2009, 2.9 million Canadians received prescriptions to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). The vast majority of these prescriptions went to young boys. This alarming fact has led some experts to question whether we are treating active boyhood behaviour rather than a disorder. Parents, doctors and educators alike have begun to ask if we need better ways to identify and support kids with ADHD.

How can we learn to separate healthy, rambunctious activity from true cases of ADHD? What roles should parents, the school system and physicians play in this process? How can we ensure that we are not overlooking ADHD in girls, who often experience less obvious symptoms? What does ADHD look like at age 7, 14, or 21?

Bring your thoughts and questions for an in-depth discussion of this controversial issue.

### Experts:

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