

Re: Does Mars need women? Russians say no

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Fred J. McCall wrote:

> *Michael Smith wrote:*

>> *But going to mars actually requires somebody*

>> *physically small and able to live on smaller*

>> *quantities of oxygen, food, etc.*

>> *More women would satisfy this requirement than men,*

>> *so using Grigoryev's own argument it should be*

>> *women going to Mars.*

> *Think 'calcium loss'. I think this affects women*

> *much more severely than men.*

So now we're sending post-menopausal women to Mars?

Seriously, women don't have a higher risk of osteoporosis until after menopause. Other risk factors include being Asian or Caucasian, taking certain drugs, smoking, alcoholism, bone structure and body weight, lack of weight-bearing exercise and heredity.

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