A recent HealthyWomen online survey titled “What Do You Know About Endometriosis?” was conducted within the US among 1,211 women over the age of 18 and 352 health care professionals (HCPs). We found that there is a lack of awareness and understanding of endometriosis, which affects an estimated 1 in 30 women.

31% of 1,233 women respondents had heard of endometriosis.
29% of 495 women respondents could correctly identify all the painful symptoms associated with the disease.
12% of 864 women respondents were unaware that pain during sex may be associated with endometriosis.

Endometriosis occurs when tissue similar to that normally found in the uterus begins to grow outside of the uterus, and may lead to long-term pelvic pain (during or between periods), pain with intercourse and other painful symptoms.

Endometriosis Symptoms May Include:
- Pelvic pain between periods
- Pelvic pain during periods
- Pain during sex
- Heavy menstrual bleeding

Women with endometriosis can suffer for 6 to 10 years before proper diagnosis. Proper communication about endometriosis is needed. According to the HealthyWomen survey:

- 67% of 862 women respondents know someone who has endometriosis. However, 60% of 854 women respondents rarely, if ever, speak to friends, family or others about pelvic pain.
- 42% of 219 women respondents diagnosed with endometriosis were told by their HCPs that the pain was “part of being a woman” and 47% had their symptoms described by others as “normal.” Of HCPs surveyed said they ask if pelvic pain interferes with daily activities at every visit. However, among approximately 260 women respondents who identified themselves as being diagnosed with endometriosis, 86% said the condition interferes with their day-to-day activities at least some of the time.