

How does endometriosis influence women's work life?

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In women in their mid-40s to early 50s, endometriosis—a condition in which tissue that normally lines the uterus grows outside the uterus—was linked with poor work ability and more sick days, but not with

unemployment or early retirement.

The findings, which are published in *Acta Obstetricia et Gynecologica Scandinavica* and stem from a population-based group of Finnish women across all employment sectors, provide insights on how endometriosis can impact women's [professional lives](#).

"To our knowledge, this is the first general population-level study on the association between endometriosis and work ability, including a life course approach to disability retirement," the authors wrote.

More information: Henna-Riikka Rossi et al, The association of endometriosis with work ability and work life participation in late forties and lifelong disability retirement up till age 52: A Northern Finland Birth Cohort 1966 study, *Acta Obstetricia et Gynecologica Scandinavica* (2021). [DOI: 10.1111/aogs.14210](https://doi.org/10.1111/aogs.14210)

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