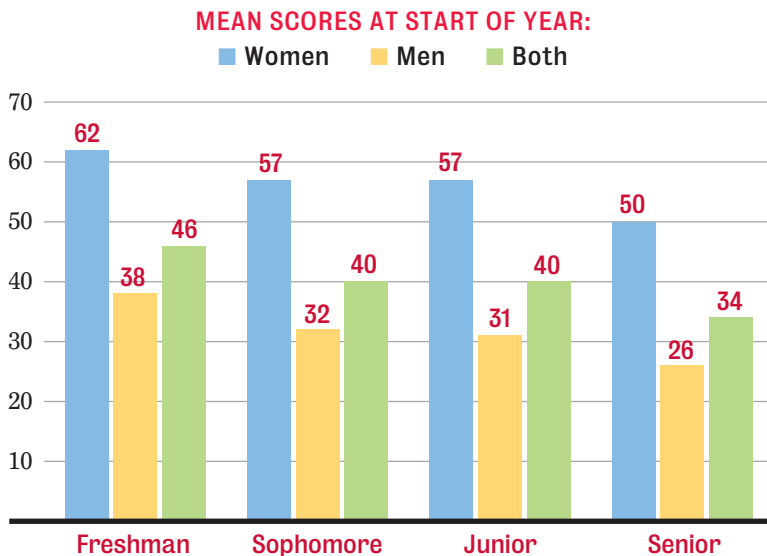


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## COMPASSION DRAIN

Researchers at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock tracked medical students' vicarious empathy and found it declined over time. The first drop was noted after the freshman year. Scores went down again following the junior year of medical school, after students began clinical rotations. Empathy scores are for students in the 2001 to 2004 graduating classes, with a score of 50 considered average.



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