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News from the National LGBT Health Education Center

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New Publications

Glossary of LGBT Terms for Healthcare Teams



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As a provider in a health center or other health care organization, becoming familiar with terms used by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) communities can help you provide these patients with the highest quality care. In this glossary, you will find some of the terms most relevant to the health care of LGBT people. When reading this glossary, here are a few things to keep in mind: 1) Definitions vary across communities; not all of your LGBT patients will agree with all of these definitions; 2) There are many terms not included on this list; we tried to keep the list as concise and relevant to health care providers as possible; 3) Terms and definitions change frequently; we will try to update this list to keep up with changing language. If you have a suggestion, please email us at lgbthealtheducation@fenwayhealth.org.

Agender (adj.) – Describes a person who identifies as having no gender.

Ally (noun) – A person who supports and stands up for the rights of LGBT people.

Aromantic (adj.) – An orientation that describes a person who experiences little or no romantic attraction to others and/or a lack of interest in forming romantic relationships.

Asexual (adj.) – Describes a person who experiences little or no sexual attraction to others. Asexuality is not the same as celibacy.

Assigned sex at birth (noun) – The sex (male or female) assigned to a child at birth, most often based on the child's external anatomy. Also referred to as birth sex, natal sex, biological sex, or sex.

Bigender (adj.) – Describes a person whose gender identity is a combination of two genders.

Binding (verb) – The process of tightly wrapping one's chest in order to minimize the appearance of having breasts. This is achieved through use of constrictive materials such as cloth strips, elastic or non-elastic bandages, or specially designed undergarments.

Biphobia (noun) – The fear of, discrimination against, or hatred of bisexual people or those who are perceived as such.

Bisexual (adj.) – A sexual orientation that describes a person who is emotionally and sexually attracted to people of their own gender and people of other genders.

Bottom surgery (noun) – Colloquial way of describing gender affirming genital surgery.

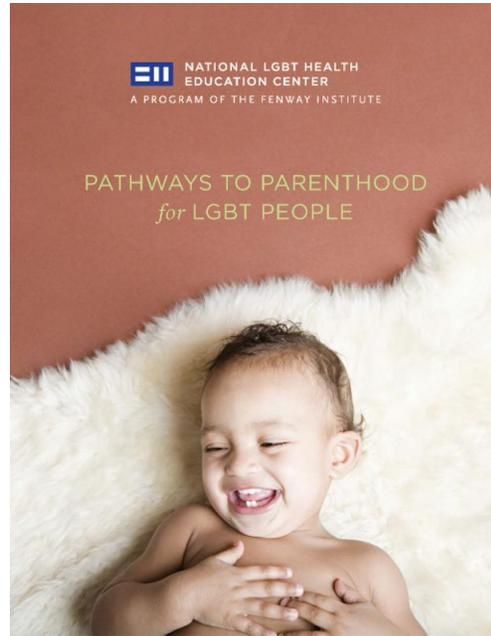
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Language is powerful and influences many of our interactions. As a health care provider, becoming familiar with terms used by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) communities can help you provide these patients with the highest quality care. In this glossary, you will find some of the terms most relevant to the health care of LGBT people. This glossary does not have every term used by the community, but you will find terms most commonly used when patients are accessing health care. It is important to keep in mind that language can change over time, and so this glossary will be updated periodically to reflect those changes.

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Pathways to Parenthood for LGBT People: A Primer for Health Care Providers

A growing number of LGBT people are starting families. The 2010 US Census reported that approximately 19% of same-sex couples are currently raising children, and a 2013 Pew Research national survey found that 51% of LGBT adults of any age have children or would like to have children in the future. As an increasing number LGBT individuals and couples seek to have children, many will turn to their health care providers for resources and guidance. This brief walks through the various pathways to parenthood for LGBT people, as well as unique issues these couples and individuals may face as they consider their options. The pathways explored in the brief include adoption and foster parenting, donor insemination and in vitro fertilization (IVF), and surrogacy. Also discussed are ways in which health care organizations can support LGBT parents. The brief can be used as a guide to tailor conversations about parenting desires with lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender patients.



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Upcoming Webinars

Syphilis among Men Who Have Sex with Men: Clinical Care and Public Health Reporting



The CDC reports that 83% of primary and secondary syphilis cases occur among gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (MSM). With syphilis on the rise, health centers have an opportunity to prevent, screen, and treat syphilis among these vulnerable populations. In this webinar, Kevin Ard, MD, MPH will explain the diagnostic and therapeutic approach to syphilis based on the clinical stage of the disease, and will explain what to do when there are discordant results on diagnostic tests. Dr. Ard will be joined by Brenda Hernandez, who will explain syphilis case reporting and partner services so that health centers can effectively work with public health departments to help control the epidemic.

Date/Time: Thursday, June 9, 2016, 2:00-3:00pm ET

Faculty: Kevin Ard, MD, MPH, Medical Director, the National LGBT Health Education Center, and Infectious Disease Physician, Massachusetts General Hospital, and Brenda Hernandez, Special Project Coordinator, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

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Addressing Social Determinants of Health Among LGBTQ Latino(a) Young Adults

Latino(a) youth and young adult men who have sex with men or who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and/or transgender often face stigma, discrimination, and language barriers that prevent them from accessing prevention and treatment at health care centers, and leaving them vulnerable to high rates of HIV and other health disparities. In this session, panelists Suyanna



Linhales Barker, DrPH; Manuel Diaz-Ramirez, and Alexa Rodriguez, all from La Clinica del Pueblo, will discuss the social determinants of health that create barriers to prevention and care for young adult Latino(a)s. The panelists will draw on their experiences working with this population, including young Latinos living with HIV, and transgender latino(a)s in the Washington, DC area to give participants the tools to recognize barriers within their own organizations to better facilitate prevention and care opportunities for transgender and MSM Latino young adults.

Date/Time: Thursday, June 22, 2016, 1:00-2:00pm ET

Faculty: Suyanna Barker, Community Health Action Department Director, La Clínica del Pueblo, Manuel Díaz-Ramirez, ¡Empodérate! Youth Center Manager, La Clínica del Pueblo, Alexa Rodriguez Transgender Program Coordinator for ¡Empoderáte! Youth Center

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Do Ask, Do Tell:
End LGBT Invisibility in Healthcare

Collecting Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Data in Health Centers

On March 22, HRSA issued a [Program Assistance Letter \(PAL\)](#) detailing approved changes to the Uniform Data System (UDS) to include reporting sexual orientation and gender identity (SO/GI) data in Tables 3A and 3B. To help health centers prepare for collecting this data, the Education Center has many resources and is planning continuous training on collecting SO/GI data.

SO/GI Office Hours: June 1st, 12:00-1:30pm

SO/GI Office Hours will be a 90-minute session featuring Dr. Harvey Makadon, Director of Education and Training Programs at the Fenway Institute, and Chris Grasso, MPH, Associate Director of Informatics and Data Services, Fenway Health.

Dr. Makadon and Ms. Grasso will be available to answer questions, detail recommended practices, and describe strategies for adding SO/GI questions to registration documents, integration into EHRs, and appropriate staff training on how to collect the data.

We strongly recommend [watching our webinar "Do Ask, Do Tell! Collecting Data on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in Health Centers"](#) before participating in office hours. This webinar covers the barriers to care that many LGBT people face, describes inequities in health outcomes for LGBT people, and details both how and why to collect SO/GI data in electronic health records. It is available live and on-demand and provides free CME/CEU credit.

[Register for SO/GI Office Hours Here](#)



"Collecting Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Data in Electronic Health Records: Taking the Next Steps" is a brief designed for health centers to help understand why collecting SO/GI data is important to providing quality care to LGBT people, what questions to ask, and how to incorporate SO/GI questions into the EHR.

[View/download the brief \[PDF\].](#)

For more information, visit our website's [Collecting Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Data Topic Page!](#)

On-Demand Webinars

We offer 30 on-demand webinars on topics such as [*Ten Things: Providing an Inclusive and Affirmative Health Care Environment for LGBT People*](#) and others:

- Introduction to LGBT Health
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- Transgender Health Care
- HIV Prevention
- Same-Sex Domestic Violence
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Optimizing Transgender Health: A Core Course for Healthcare Providers

is a series of six online videos on transgender health topics including Gender Affirming Surgeries, Caring for Gender Nonconforming Youth and Adolescents, and more! **The series provides FREE CME/CEU credit.**



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