

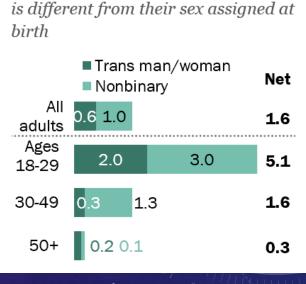


CARE OF TRANS PATTENTS

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CARE OF TRANS PATIENTS

BACKGROUND



% of U.S. adults who say their gender

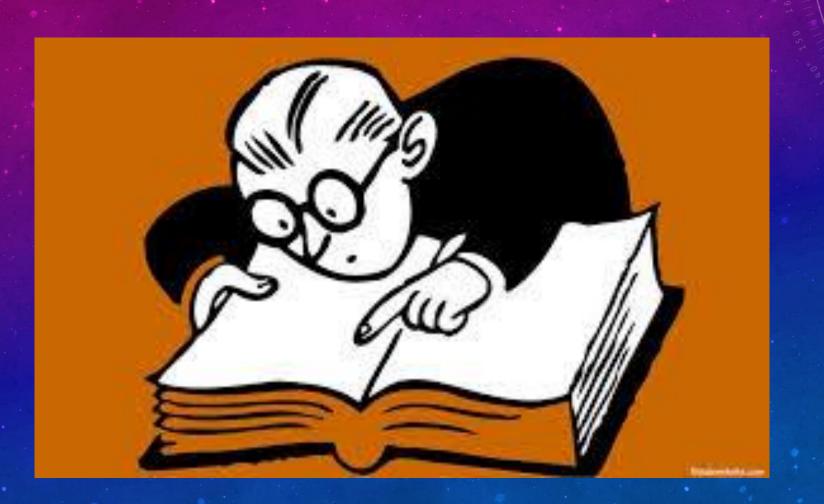
- Approximately 1% of Australian population have self-reported being trans in surveys.
 - Higher in younger generations
- Increasing number of openly trans patients
- Recently updated/published guidelines

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OUTLINE

- 1. Definitions
- 2. Transition? What is it?
- 3. Medical transition of particular relevance
- 4. Evidence and guidelines for periop management
- 5. Non Clinical Aspects of Care of Trans Patients
- 6. What guidelines are there in BHS and Australia
- 7. Questions

DEFINITIONS



GENERAL IDENTITY/EXPRESSION

- **Trans**: Having a gender identity which differs from the one you were assigned at birth
 - Trans woman: A woman who was assigned male at birth
- <u>Cis</u>: Having a gender identity which is the same as the one you were assigned at birth
 - Cis woman: A woman who was assigned female at birth
- Non-binary: Having a gender outside of the traditional male/female binary
- **Gender expression**: how someone expresses their gender (clothing, makeup, speaking styles)
 - Tomboy: a girl/woman who presents in a more masculine sense, but is still a girl/woman
- **Pronouns**: In this context, he/him, she/her, they/them, etc.
- Old/Dead/Previous Name: The name (generally) given to a trans person at birth which they no longer use
 - Some trans people will use the same name
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BIOLOGICAL SEX

(What the doctor assigned you at birth)

MALE

INTERS

FEMALE

GENDER IDENTITY

(How you feel on the inside)

MAN (FTM) GENDERFLUID AND TRANS*

WOMAN (MTF)

GENDER EXPRESSION

(How you present yourself to others)

MASCULINE

ANDROGYNOUS
NON-BINARY

FEMININE

GENDER PRESENTATION

(How the world sees you)

MAN

TRANSGENDER GENDERQUEER / NON-BINAR

WOMAN

SEXUAL ORIENTATION

(Who you like)

ATTRACTED TO WOMEN BISEXUAL / PANSEXUA ASEXUAL ATTRACTED TO MEN



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TRANS CARE

- Gender Dysphoria: the negative emotions/distress from the discrepancy between someone's gender and their appearance/voice/mannerisms/etc.
- Gender Euphoria: the positive emotions/joy from having someone's appearance/voice/mannerism's more closely match their gender
- Gender affirming healthcare: Umbrella term for healthcare involved in gender transition
- Hormone replacement therapy (HRT): Hormonal therapy used in medical transition
 - E.g. oestrogen for trans women
- Gender conformation surgery/bottom surgery: surgery to make the groin region better conform to the person's gender
- **Top surgery**: Surgery involved in making the chest better conform to the person's gender
- Facial Feminisation Surgery (FFS)/Facial Masculinisation surgery (FMS): Surgeries to give a more masculine/feminine appearance of the face
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TRANSITION



WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE TRANS????





I knew something was off... It's like a couple decades of confusion, hovering like a fog in the back of your mind. You know that something is there, but you can't quite figure out what.

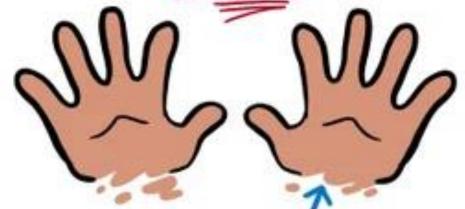
- <u>Riley J Dennis</u>, Why I took so long to realize I'm a trans lesbian [Content Warning: Strong language]

Look in the mirror and tell me | What it is like to be free. | How do I grasp reality | When I don't have an identity?

- Bad Suns, Salt

gender dysphoria is something a lot of trans people have, but people who don't have it can find it hard to understand.

to understand it, let's use the example of hands."



we all have a hand we are comfortable with. let's assume you prefer to use your left hand.

this means you are probably bad at using your right hand.





Trans tem

Social -Clothing -Makeup/Jewellry Hair Removal - Voice Training · Electrolysis -Charge of name - Laser Hair Therapy - Change of gender (markers) - Exercises to promote a feminine Body appearance - Mid2

Medical - Gender Conformation -Puberty Blockers - Facial Feminisation - Anti-Androgen - Voice Feminisation - Destrogen Patch? - Breast Augmentation - Body Sculpting - Progesterone - Breast Augmentation - Shoulder Reduction - Foot/leg Shortening

Trans Masc

Social -Clothing -Makeup/Jewellry Chest -Voice Training Binders -Charge of name - Change of gender (markers) - Exercises to promote

a masculine Body appearance

Medical Surgical Hormonal -Puberty Blackers -Gender Conformation - Testostecone - Facial Masculinisation

Table 1. Physiological effects of oestrogen (Adapted from The Endocrine Society Guidelines 2009)¹³

Effect of oestrogen	Onset	Maximum	Reversibility
Redistribution of body fat	3-6 months	2-3 years	Likely
Decrease in muscle mass and strength	3-6 months	1-2 years	Likely
Softening of skin and decreased oiliness	3-6 months	unknown	Likely
Decreased libido	1-3 months	3–6 months	Likely
Decreased spontaneous erections	1–3 months	3–6 months	Likely
Breast growth	3-6 months	2-3 years	Not possible
Decreased testicular volume	3-6 months	2-3 years	Unknown
Decreased sperm production	unknown	> 3 years	Unknown
Decreased terminal hair growth	6-12 months	>3 years	Possible
Scalp hair	No regrowth		
Voice changes	None		

Table 2. Physiological effects of testosterone (Adapted from The Endocrine Society Guidelines 2009)¹³

Effect of testosterone	Onset	Maximum	Reversibility	
Skin oiliness and acne	1-6 months	1-2 years	Likely	
Facial and body hair growth	6-12 months	4-5 years	Unlikely	
Scalp hair loss	6-12 months		Unlikely	
Increased muscle mass and strength	6-12 months	2-5 years	Likely	
Fat redistribution	1-6 months	2-5 years	Likely	
Cessation of menses	2-6 months		Likely	
Clitoral enlargement	3–6 months	1-2 years	Unlikely	
Vaginal atrophy	3-6 months	1-2 years	Unlikely	
Deepening of voice	6-12 months	1-2 years	Not possible	

WHEN DOES TRANSITION "END"



MEDICAL TRANSITION



GENERAL MEDICAL OVERVIEW

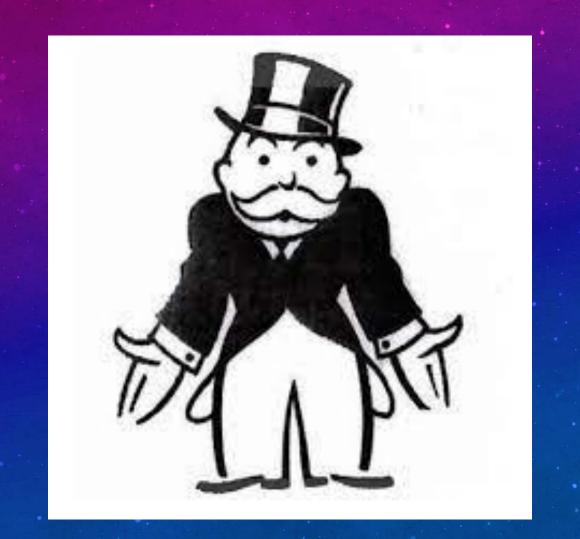
- Through hormone replacement therapy, the physiology of trans women and trans men is altered to closely resemble that of their cis peers
 - RBC levels
 - Fat distribution
 - Lean mass/bone density
- Anatomy can be altered through surgical procedures

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Airway and Resp	Hormone Therapy	Other
Voice feminisation surgery: Narrowing of the	<u>Testosterone:</u> uncontroversial, continue	Bottom surgery: altered
airway	in periop period.	urology and potential IDC
		insertion complications
Vocal masculinisation surgeries: Widening of	<u>Oestrogen</u> : Literature consistently	(?stricture formation
the airway	shows no increased risk and advises	?altered external anatomy
	continuation. WPATH advises	to 'expected')
Facial feminisation/masculinisation:	continuation. Controversial surgical	
adjusting of chin/jaw/nose, potential	opinions.	No Bottom Surgery: May
alterations in airway assessment or airway		be different anatomy for
manoeuvres/adjuncts.	Other hormone therapy/blockers:	urological procedures than
	Uncontroversial, continue in the	expected for gender
Chest binders/chest strapping: access to	perioperative period	
chest + potential restriction, especially over		Hair Removal: May cause
longer periods of time. Discussion with		skin irritation/sensitivity
patient paramount.		for up to weeks afterwards

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EVIDENCE AND GUIDELINES



WHAT PLACES HAVE GUIDELINES

ANZCA	Nil	
ACORN	Nil	
Grampians Health	Nil	
Other Victorian Hospitals	Nil	
Victoria	Nil	
Australia	Nil	
Internationally	WPATH: hormones only	

NON-CLINICAL CARE

CONTENT WARNING: DISCUSSION OF TRANSPHOBIA, TRAUMA, SUICIDE



2014 Snapshot of LGBT+ individuals

PERCENTAGE OF LGBTI PEOPLE WHO HIDE THEIR SEXUALITY OR GENDER IDENTITY AT CERTAIN EVENTS



ACCESSING SERVICES

34%

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

42%

WORK

39%



Experience other types of homophobia

TRANSGENDER
MEN AND WOMEN
EXPERIENCE
SIGNIFICANTLY
HIGHER RATES OF
NON-PHYSICAL AND
PHYSICAL ABUSE
COMPARED WITH
GAY MEN AND
WOMEN

Percentage of gay and transgender people who experienced verbal abuse in 2012



2014 Face the Facts

www.humanrights.gov.au/face-facts



Conversion therapy legal until last year

4x risk of being the victim of violent crime

Lifetime incidence: 73% depression 67% anxiety

Higher rates of domestic, sexual, family, and child abuse

Limited access to necessary healthcare

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43% Attempt Suicide

15% verbally abused in healthcare

6% unwanted sexual contact in healthcare

2% physically attacked in healthcare settings

20% of trans people refused healthcare

8% of trans
people refused
healthcare
because they are
trans

41.3% avoid emergency departments because they are trans

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Mental Health outcomes improved with support

Better Health outcomes post affirming care

Trans adults who are supported: equivalent with cis peers

Trans children
who are
supported:
equivalent with
cis peers

Trans youth with 1 accepting adult contact: 40% less likely to attempt suicide

Healthcare professionals can be avenues of support

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Department/Organisation

- Supportive posters/stickers/badges (pronoun badges and similar) around the department/hospital
- Having information pamphlets/booklets available (peer support, support groups, similar)
- Diversity education/training sessions for staff
- Formal Guidelines for the care of trans patients
- Ensure other guidelines use inclusive language
- Diversity officer

More Complex

- System for recognising name and gender which doesn't 'out', misgender, and deadname someone
- Gender-neutral/unisex bathrooms

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Surname			
Given Names			
D.O.B. /	T	Sex	

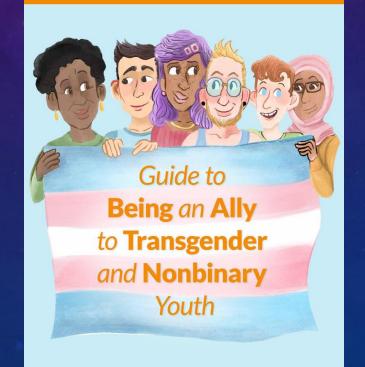
Individual level

- Use <u>their name</u> and <u>pronouns</u>
- Refer to them by <u>their gender</u>
- Use gender neutral language (e.g. they/them)
 when uncertain and clarify: DON'T GUESS
- Avoid using their deadname as much as possible
- Clarify with the trans person if they use their name/pronouns with friends/family (trans youth may feel comfortable sharing with healthcare staff, but not with their parents, for example)
 - Only disclose/discuss trans status with other
 HCP if relevant to care
- Use specific terms when referring to anatomy/physiology
 - E.g. uterus and ovaries, NOT 'female reproductive system'
 - Similarly, 'birth parent'
 - (DO NOT call TRANS-MEN the 'mothers' if they are pregnant)
- Don't take offence when corrected, or overly apologise
 - "Sorry, [correction of name/pronoun]" and move on





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Box 1. Inclusive method of asking about demographic characteristics of the patient

What sex were you assigned at birth (what • Male was on your original birth certificate)? • Female

How do you describe your gender? [open text field]

What are your pronouns? [open text field]

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GUIDELINES IN AUS?



Nil in Grampians Health (No diversity officer regarding issues of gender equality and LGBTiQA+ care) Limited in hospitals around Victoria Limited in Department of Health Victoria Limited in Australian Government Documents



Australian Standards of Care and Treatment Guidelines

For trans and gender diverse children and adolescents

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Clinical Practice Guideline

Inclusive Service Provision for Lesbian, Gay Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer +

Consumers

Peninsula Care Goal

Safe/Personal/Effective/Connected

Target Audience

This guideline is applicable to all staff, consumer representatives and volunteers who work at Peninsula Health.

Purpose

This Clinical Practice Guideline outlines the responsibilities of staff, consumer representatives and volunteers in the provision of inclusive services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer + (LGBTIQ+) consumers accessing services from Peninsula Health.



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A guide to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex inclusive practice for health and human services



Supporting the health of trans patients in the context of Australian general practice



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Background

General practitioners (GPs) do not typically receive education regarding gender diversity despite the increasing number of trans, gender diverse and non-binary (TGDNB) patients presenting to general practice. It is important for GPs, as the first point of entry into the healthcare system, to provide a safe and affirming environment for TGDNB patients to reduce ill-health later in life.

Objective

The aim of this article is to clarify how GPs can improve their care of TGDNB patients to be more inclusive and thereby promote a positive relationship with the health system, assist in gender-affirming care and reduce illness within this population. The authors provide simple suggestions for clinical practice and encourage clinicians to seek professional development in this rapidly developing field.

Discussion

Care of TGDNB patients extends beyond gender-affirming care to include mental health and community supports to ensure the overall wellbeing of the patient. Central to this care is respect of the patient's gender identity and expression.

THERE IS AN INCREASING NUMBER of trans. gender diverse and non-binary (TGDNB) people - those whose gender does not match the sex assigned to them at birth seeking medical intervention worldwide. Approximately 2.7% of the high schoolaged population in Australia are trans or gender diverse,1 with a similar estimate of 2.3% in the USA.2 The estimated number of TGDNB adults ranges from 0.5% to 0.9%,3,4 However, these are likely underestimates of the true population due to inconsistencies in data collection methods. TGDNB individuals frequently face barriers to accessing medical services in Australia.5,6 It is important that primary care environments are supportive and inclusive of all gender identities and expressions because negative experiences within primary care can lead to future hesitation towards accessing medical care.7 Appropriate healthcare options for TGDNB individuals play a central part in overcoming barriers to care and reducing the high rates of mental and physical health concerns in this population.

There are a small number of well-established key principles that healthcare providers (including general practitioners [GPs]) should adhere to when working with TGDNB patients. A number are listed in the World Professional Association for Transgender Health Standards of Care.* Beyond these

general principles, there are multiple best practice guidelines to which medical practitioners can refer when treating a TGDNB patient.9-12 This article focuses on guidelines that are particularly relevant to Australian GPs. The aim of this article is to clarify and emphasise factors that are highly relevant to GPs when treating a TGDNB patient. The authors highlight the importance of applying these factors in two areas of practice: first, the many ways in which primary care can be improved for TGDNB people regardless of their reason for accessing care, and second, the ways in which primary care can be improved for TGDNB people seeking genderaffirming care. Holistic and respectful care of TGDNB people includes using the individual's preferred name and title, not making assumptions about the individual or their desires to pursue gender-affirming medical intervention and advocating for the patient in other settings when appropriate. GPs are able to support TGDNB people in their healthcare; however, GPs may also benefit from seeking additional training if they do not feel they have the expertise to do so.

Primary care of the TGDNB patient

Information on gender diversity is not frequently offered in the education curricula that GPs receive, 13,14 which can

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SUMMARY

- Trans people can have taken diverse steps in transition which include social and medical changes
 - Different stages of hormones, different number of surgeries
- Trans people can have complex backgrounds and influences they bring with them; high rates of trauma
- Perioperative Care Recommendations
 - Continue hormones
 - Consider the effect of past surgeries on current airway/other anatomy
- General Care recommendations
 - Posters/support documents can create a welcoming environment
 - Need for guidelines and diversity officer
 - Need for diversity education
 - Respect and listening without judgement, taking consideration of possible trauma and complex social dynamics
 - Be an ally/source of support



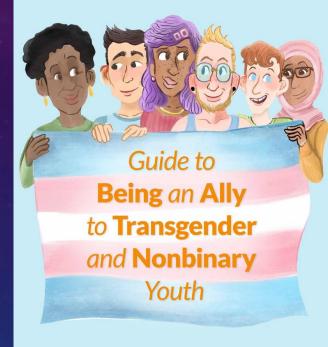
TRANS PEOPLE:

<u>A MARGINALISED</u> <u>COMMUNITY</u>

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E-Learning Module: Trans Primary Care

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The overarching purpose is to promote more inclusive and responsive services for trans people in primary health care settings. The full module and incorporates a variety of activities and visual content. It includes self-evaluation questions to assess the learning achieved. You can also choon the dashboard of the online classroom.

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