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Workshop slides:

<https://dartgo.org/transhealth>

Objectives:

- Learn basic information about gender
- Consider general issues with trans health care
- Practice searching for information on trans health
- Explore tools for finding information on trans health

Trans 101

- Trans
- Cisgender
- Nonbinary
- Trans man, genderqueer, trans woman, trans feminine, agender, demi, trans masculine, gender fluid, etc.
- Other genders
- Gender v. orientation
- Outdated terminology and self-description

Resource: <https://www.translanguageprimer.org/>

**Transphobia,
transnegativity,
& cisnormativity**

Why are we talking about this?

From the [2015 U.S. Transgender Survey](#):

- 24% of transgender people with a healthcare provider reported having to teach them about transgender health issues
- 15% were asked invasive or unnecessary questions about being transgender by their healthcare provider
- 23% of transgender people did not try to access health care due to fear of discrimination in the last year
- 51% of respondents saw the same provider for routine health care and transition-related care

Note: numbers vary by race and gender identity

And this month:

POLICY-ISH

Transgender Health Protections Reversed By Trump Administration

June 12, 2020 · 4:46 PM ET



SELENA SIMMONS-DUFFIN



<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2020/06/12/868073068/transgender-health-protections-reversed-by-trump-administration>

What are some
examples of people
who might look for
information on trans
health?

Search Activity, Round 1

Choose one of the following personas, or create your own.

1. Trans adult looking for information on medical transition
2. Doctor working with a trans patient
3. Parent of a child who just came out as transgender
4. Health care professional trying to improve services to trans patients
5. Trans person looking for a new doctor

Search Activity Discussion, Round 1

1. Where did you search?
2. What kinds of information did you find?
3. What information did you not find?
4. What kinds of barriers were there?
5. How did you decide whether what you found was good information or not?

Cost barriers: not just for readers

[Transgender Health](#) journal

- Fully open access until end of 2019
- Hybrid from 2020 on
- Cost to individual readers: \$199+ per year, or \$51 per article
- APC for open access: \$1,250 per article
- Most 2020 articles so far are open access

Where would you go
to search for
information on trans
health?

Notes on terminology

- Current terminology may not be what everyone uses
- Use current language when writing or speaking generally
- Subject headings might be outdated
- Never “correct” someone about their own identity
- If forced to use outdated or incorrect language, note accordingly

[MeSH database](#)

Point of care tools

- *Licensed* resources for health care providers (licensed = \$)
- Provider information
- Consumer information

☐ [DynaMed](#)

☐ [UptoDate](#)

Books

- ★ A clinician's guide to gender-affirming care working with transgender and gender-nonconforming clients: a comprehensive resource for mental health professionals, educators & students ([eBook](#) - 2018)
- ★ Transgender Health and Medicine: History, Practice, Research, and the Future ([eBook](#) - 2019)
- ★ Trans bodies, trans selves : a resource for the transgender community ([eBook](#), print - 2014)

Journals: more barriers

[International Journal of Transgender Health](#) formerly
International Journal of Transgenderism (2005 - 2019,
coverage is current under new title)

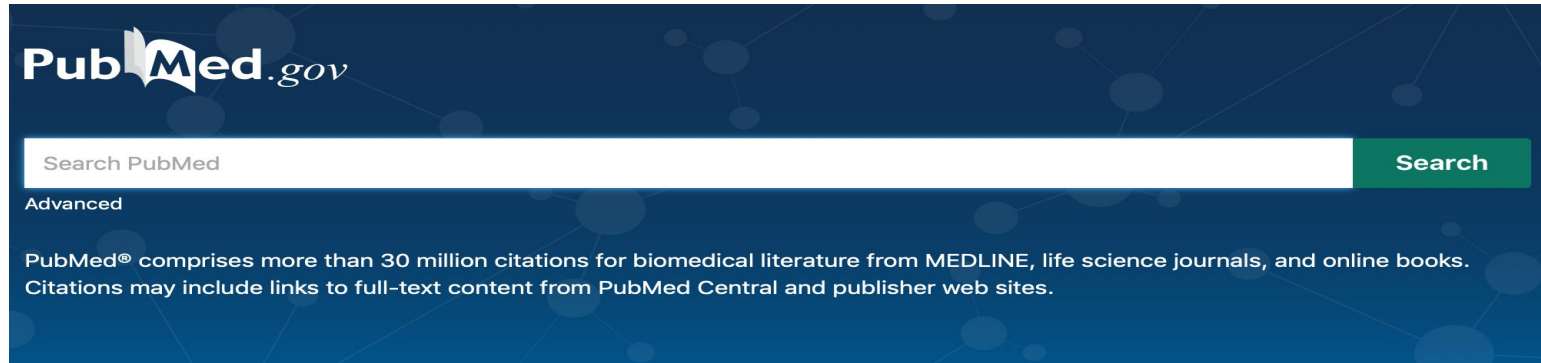
- ★ Open Access with APC fee
- ★ Subscription journal - must have individual subscription or institutional access (or buy article by article)

[Transgender Health](#) (2016 - present)

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PubMed

More than 30 million citations and growing daily - if it's not in PubMed...



- Remember :
- MeSH
 - Past indexing

Consumer information

[UCSF Center of Excellence for Transgender Health](#): Online learning, manuals, & guides

[World Professional Association for Transgender Health](#): Standards of care, help with finding a provider

[National Center for Transgender Equality](#): Information on trans rights in healthcare

★ Remember the [CRAAP test](#)!

Search Activity, Round 2

Choose one of the following personas, or create your own.

1. Trans adult looking for information on medical transition
2. Doctor working with a trans patient
3. Parent of a child who just came out as transgender
4. Health care professional trying to improve services to trans patients
5. Trans person looking for a new doctor

Search Activity Discussion, Round 2

1. Where did you search?
2. What kinds of information did you find?
3. What information did you not find?
4. What kinds of barriers were there?
5. How did you decide whether what you found was good information or not?

Questions?

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