Empowering Healthcare: Understanding and Supporting Trans and Non-Binary Patients

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Trans and Non-binary people:

Who we are and What we need Building a culture of inclusion and respect



More visibility, but . . .

- 87% say they have a friend or family member who is gay or lesbian
- While just 24% say they know someone who is transgender
- Even fewer know someone who is non-binary

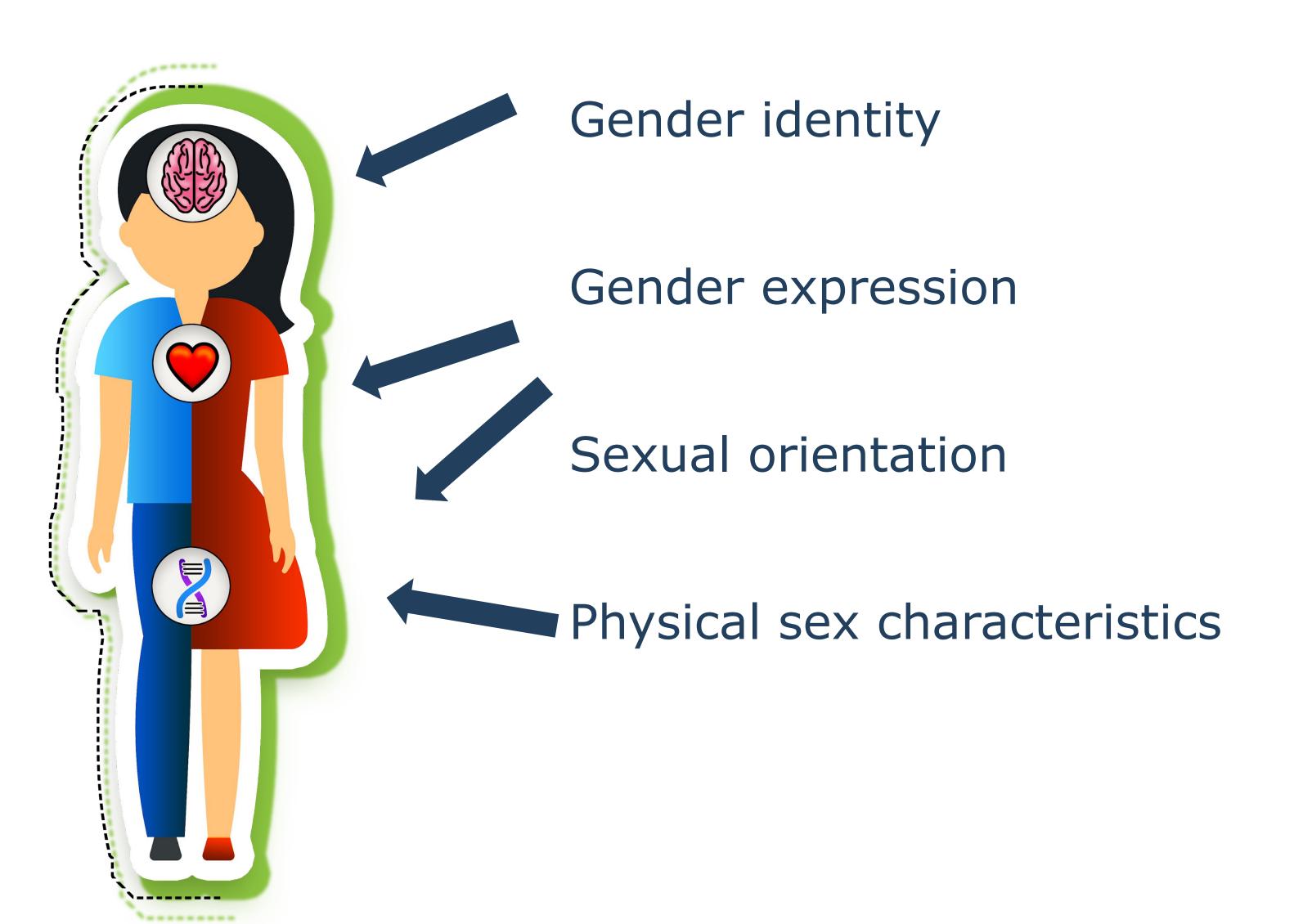


We have a problem

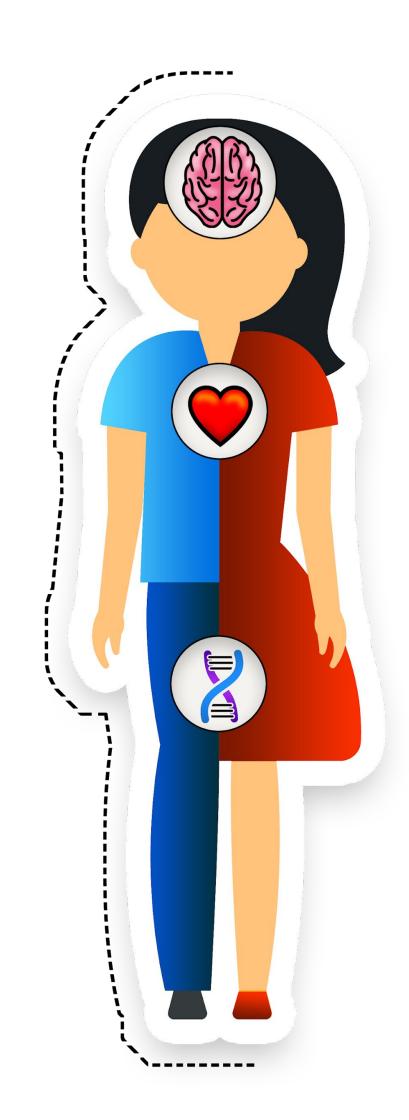
- A typical mainstream depiction of transgender people?
 - Killers
 - Victims
 - Liars

The basics

What does "transgender" mean?



Is it always binary?



Gender identity

Gender expression

Sexual orientation

Physical sex characteristics



Trans people aren't gay?

 Sexual orientation is who you go to bed WITH



Trans people aren't gay?

- Sexual orientation is who you go to bed WITH
- Gender identity is who you go to bed
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Understanding transition

- A long-term, deliberate process
- Three components:
 - Social—revealing to others
 - Medical—medical intervention to align body with gender identity
 - Legal—correcting legal documents
- Not everyone can access

"You don't have to compromise convictions to be compassionate."

-Rick Warren

Respectful interactions

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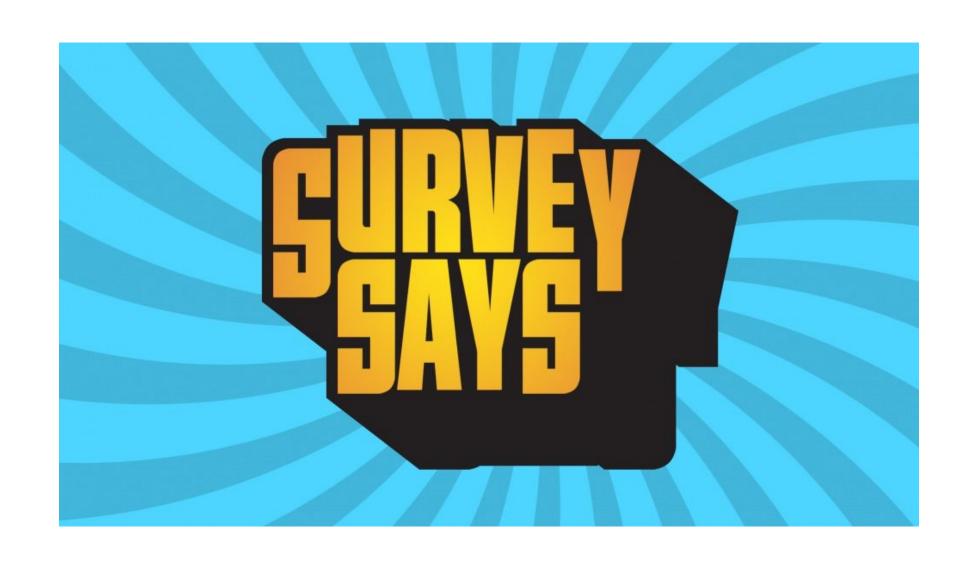
Terms to use	Terms to avoid
Transgender, trans, non-binary	Transgendered
Gender identity, gender expression	Sexual identity, transgenderism
Transition	Sex change
Transgender man, transgender woman, transgender/non-binary person	Tranny, cross-dresser, pre-op, post-op
Is a man, is a woman, is a person	Used to be a man, used to be a woman

Why is respectful interaction important?

- Why would a transgender person fear/mistrust medical professionals?
 - History of negative interactions outside the community
 - Fear of being outed
 - Fear of not being believed
- What happens if transgender people mistrust their healthcare providers?
 - Patient may not seek needed care
 - Patient may not comply with recommended course of care
 - Patient may suffer anxiety, depression

Why are trans people at such risk??

- Bias
- Stigma
- Barriers to Care
- Not affirmed as themselves



Not Affirmed as Themselves

- How are they addressed?
- Knowledgeable staff
- Hormones
- Sexual health
- Affirming language



Safety Moment

- Physical safety
- Mental safety
- Emotional well-being
- Seeing the whole patient



How Many Adults and Youth are Transgender in the US?



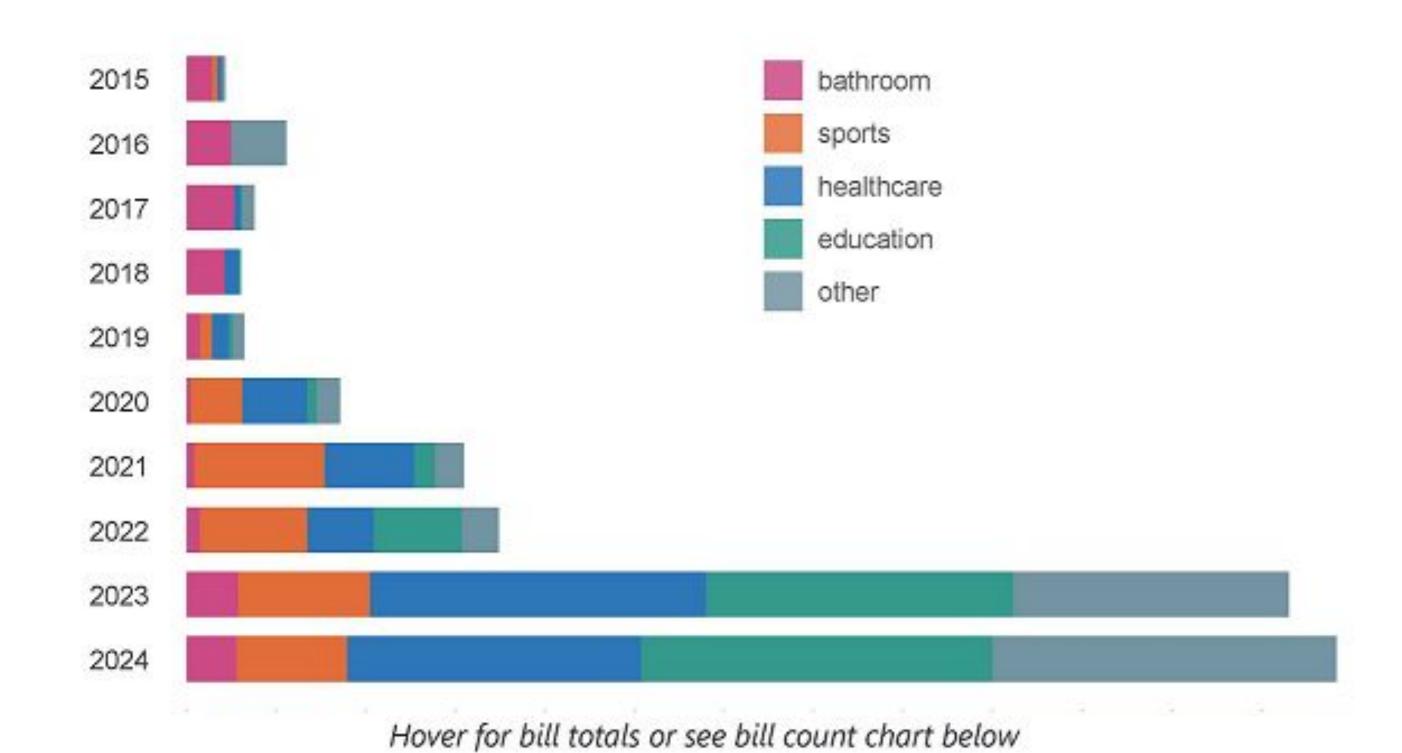
- 16M ages 13+
- Adult % has stayed the same
 0.5% (about 1.3 million adults)
- Past 5/6 yrs number of youth 2x
 1.4% (about 300,000 youth

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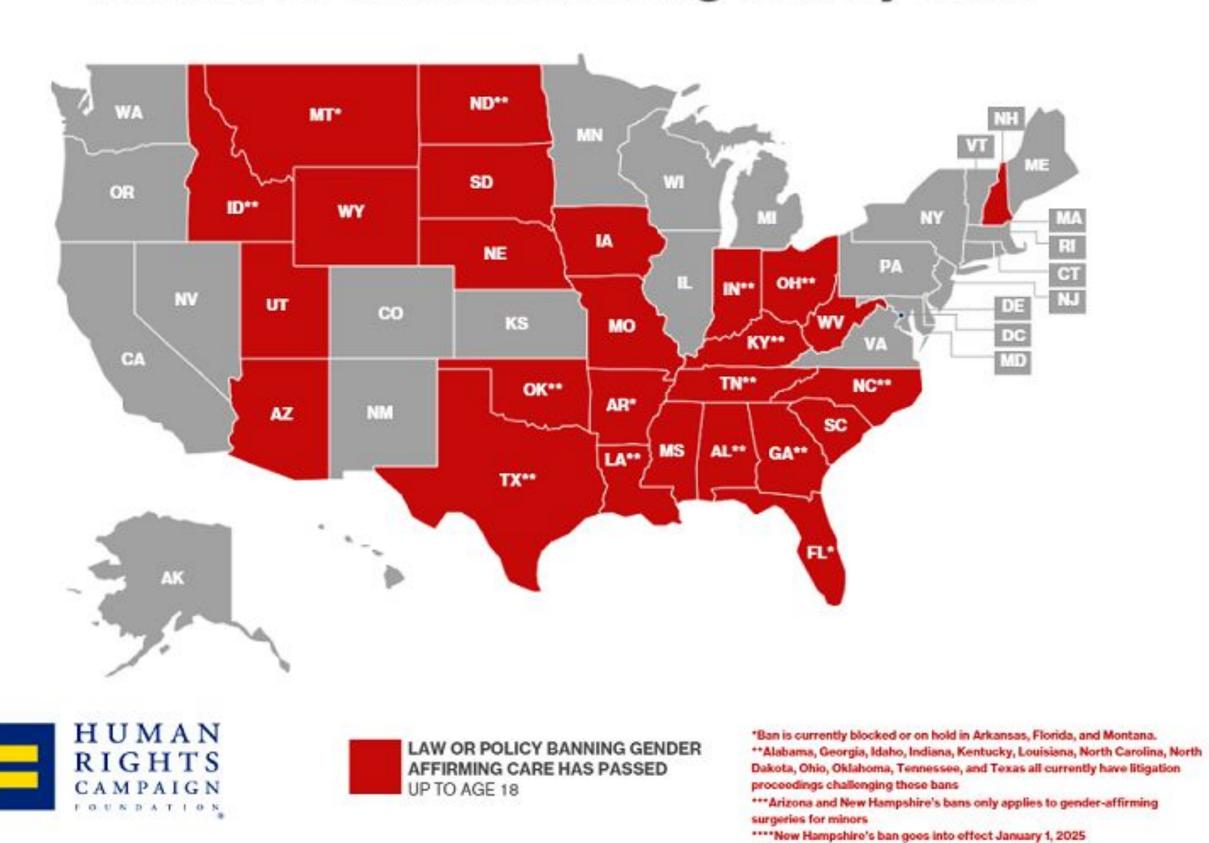
https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/publications/trans-adults-united-states/

Tracking the rise of anti-trans bills in the U.S.

The United States has experienced a long rise in anti-trans legislation. Now it's surging.



Attacks on Gender Affirming Care by State



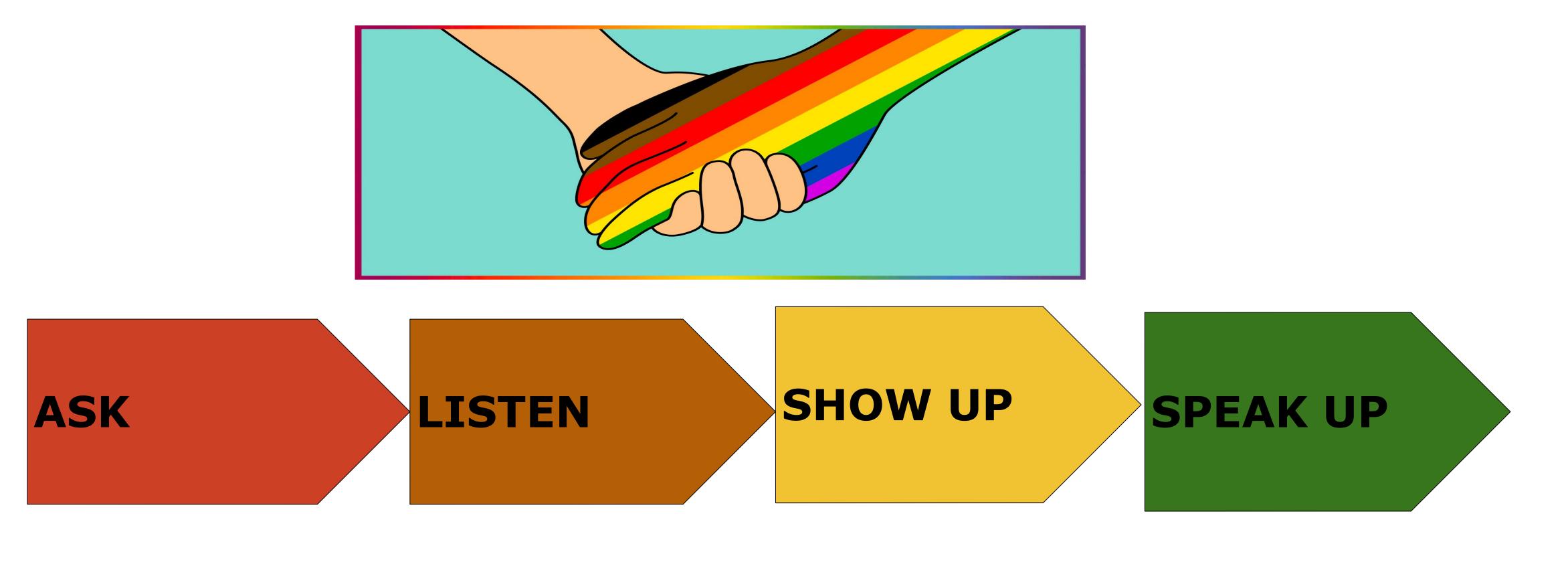
Leading medical groups recognize the medical necessity of treatments for gender dysphoria and endorse such treatments. Most of these groups have also explicitly rejected insurance exclusions for transgender-related care.

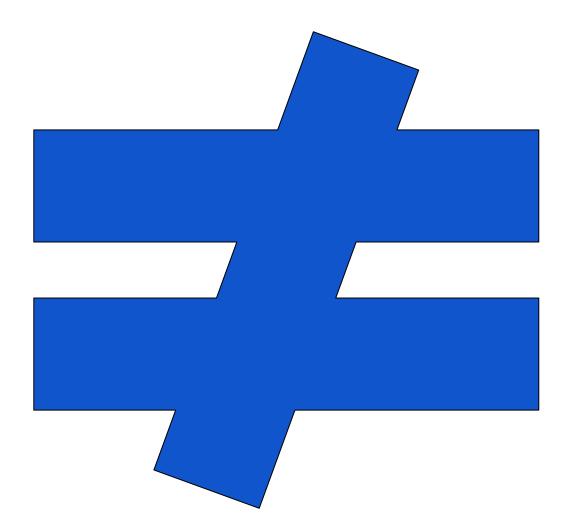
- American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
- American Academy of Dermatology
- American Academy of Family Physicians
- American Academy of Nursing
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- American Academy of Physician Assistants
- American College Health Association
- American College of Nurse-Midwives
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- American College of Physicians
- American Counseling Association
- American Heart Association
- American Medical Association
- American Medical Student Association
- American Nurses Association

- American Osteopathic Association
- American Psychiatric Association
- American Psychological Association
- American Public Health Association
- American Society of Plastic Surgeons
- Endocrine Society
- Federation of Pediatric Organizations
- GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ Equality
- National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health
- National Association of Social Workers
- National Commission on Correctional Health Care
- Pediatric Endocrine Society
- Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine
- World Medical Association
- World Professional Association for Transgender Health



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