

# Examining Attitudes Towards the Measurement, Collection, Storage, and Use Data about Gender Identity in Children, Adolescents, and their Caregivers

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# Project Overview

## Driving Question

In what ways, does healthcare discriminate between cisgender and transgender and gender diverse (TGD) patients?

# Literature Review Themes

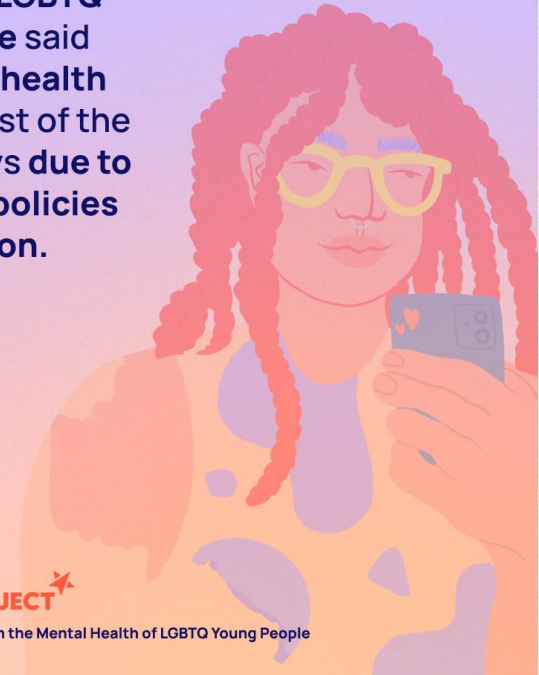
## Gender-Affirming Laws & Policies

Testosterone therapy and chest surgery are analogous in cisgender and TGD individuals, but are not provided to TGD patients in the same capacity as cisgender patients.

**Nearly 1 in 3 LGBTQ young people said their mental health was poor most of the time or always due to anti-LGBTQ policies and legislation.**

**THE TREVOR PROJECT** 

2023 U.S. National Survey on the Mental Health of LGBTQ Young People



# Literature Review Themes

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## Exploring The Transgender Individual's Experience With Healthcare Interactions: A Phenomenological Study

Amy P. Roach DNS, RN

### Challenges with accessing health care

The theme most resounding among the nine participants was *challenges with accessing health care*. While participants were not directly asked about the issues they faced when receiving care, in all nine interviews, the conversation shifted to the challenges they met when seeking health care. The main issues that were discussed included having to conduct their own research to find friendly providers, the use of or desire for a transgender-specific clinic and being denied care by either a healthcare staff member or provider.

Many participants identified the need to conduct their own research or receive recommendations from other transgender individuals when finding friendly providers. Social media was a prominent platform for the participants to use when identifying how they wanted their gender transition to look as well as where to find qualified providers.

## Negative Physician-Patient Interactions

Most TGD patients seek out clinics that specialize in transgender/queer care due to the possibility of being turned away from a non specializing physician..

# Literature Review Themes

## Parental Consent for GDY care

In all 50 states, parental consent is mandated for gender-affirming care of Gender Diverse Youth (GDY). **What happens if your parents are not supportive?**

Fewer than 40% of LGBTQ young people found their home to be LGBTQ-affirming.

38%

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# Literature Review

## Findings



### Limitations

1. Lack of racial and ethnic diversity in past studies
  2. Lack of research on how to make non specializing clinics a safe and welcoming environment for TGD patients
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### Next Steps

Lays the foundation for the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Interview Guide.



# Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity (SOGI) Interview Guide

## Aims:

- **#1:** Develop and refine new gender screener items
- **#2:** Understand the attitudes about collecting and storing data about gender identity
- **#3:** Generate suggestions for collection, storage, and use of data on gender identity

## Methods:

- Three part semi-structured interview
- Recruitment of Caregivers and TGNB adolescents (ages 13 to 21) from the CHOP Adolescent Specialty Clinic



# Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity (SOGI) Interview Guide

## Part #1:

- Reflective Interview with an Adolescent and/or Parent/Caregiver
- Questions about sexual orientation, gender identity, and sharing associated information

## Question Examples:

- 1) In your opinion, what are your thoughts about clinics and hospitals collecting information about teenagers' gender identity?
- 2) Under what circumstances would you want to know if your adolescent's healthcare provider asked them about their sexual orientation and gender identity?
- 3) In what ways do you think healthcare providers can make it easier for patients to share their gender identity information?

# Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity (SOGI) Interview Guide

## Part #2:

- Video Elicitation with Six Scenes
- Scenes are embedded with topics of sexual orientation & gender identity
- Some scenes are curated to be welcoming, safe while others elicit uncomfortability
- Use participants' reactions to improve clinic visits and experiences

## Part #3:

- Survey & Cognitive Interview Guide
- Operationalized in RedCap
- **What type of wording and question framing make transgender and gender diverse (TGD) patients feel the most comfortable?**

# Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity (SOGI) Interview Guide

Please rank the question stems based on your preference (put the one you like the best on the top, or in the #1 slot)						
	1	2	3	4	5	
What is your gender?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	reset
What is your gender identity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	reset
What is your current gender?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	reset
What is your current gender identity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	reset
Do you think of yourself as:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	reset
The survey asked both about your sex assigned at birth as well as your gender identity. Which question would you prefer to be asked first?	<input type="radio"/> Sex assigned at birth		<input type="radio"/> Gender identity			reset

Creating a ranked questionnaire in Redcap

# Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity (SOGI) Interview Guide

Please rate your comfort level for each scenario when asked about sexual orientation in different settings.					
	Very uncomfortable	Somewhat uncomfortable	Neither uncomfortable nor comfortable	Somewhat comfortable	Very comfortable
Scenario A: When responding to an electronic survey on a computer, phone, or tablet	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
					reset
Scenario B: When responding to a paper survey in the waiting room	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
					reset
Scenario C: When a healthcare provider is asking you directly (verbally) in the exam room in front of your parents/caregivers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
					reset
Scenario D: When a healthcare provider is asking you directly (verbally) in the exam room alone	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
					reset
Scenario E: When an individual is asking you via video, web conferencing, or telehealth?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
					reset

Utilizing scenarios rather than direct questions to better understand an individual's comfort level

# Key Takeaways

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— Research takes a lot of little steps.  
All your questions will probably not be answered through one project.

02

— Finding work-life balance.

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# Thank you!

**Questions?**

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