

# Cancer in the LGBTQ+ Community:

Prevention & Screening  
Identify, Reduce, Prevent



## Cancer disparities in the transgender community:

Cancer disparities in the transgender community are caused by multiple factors and barriers. These barriers may delay diagnosis and treatment of cancer and result in decreased survival of transgender patients, however data on cancer in this population are limited since most medical records do not collect gender identity.

## What we can do about it:

Cancer screening for transgender individuals should follow the same guidelines as outlined for cisgender individuals and should be based on what organs a transgender individual currently has. For example, a transman/AFAB (an individual who was born female and transitioned to male), should be screened for cervical cancer if they still have a cervix.

1 in 5\*

transgender individuals  
reported being refused care  
outright due to being trans  
or gender non-conforming.

## BARRIERS TO CARE

- Lack of medical insurance
- Discrimination in the healthcare setting
- High rates of smoking and alcohol use
- Higher risk of STIs leading to cancer, high rates of HIV infection
- Long-term impact of hormone use, especially hormones obtained without a prescription
- Lack of understanding by medical providers around gender dysphoria
- Lack of understanding by medical providers around transgender and non-binary bodies
- Medical records often fail to collect gender identity data, thus making research difficult
- Little to no doctor interaction or inquiry: patients never disclosed because they were never asked
- Patients question the relevance of their sexual orientation. (Heteronormative Bias)
- Fear of Discrimination

According to the  
National LGBT Cancer  
Network, 80% of  
oncologists  
feel they do not  
know enough to treat  
transgender patients

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