

Gender Glossary

Affirmed female is a person with a male body who considers herself female.

Affirmed gender identity is the gender identity that a person has declared to others.

Affirmed male is a person with a female body who considers himself male.

Androgynous presentation includes both masculine and feminine elements.

Authenticity, in this context, is the quality of being true to oneself and presenting one's true self to others.

Biological sex, male or female, is assigned at birth based on the appearance of the baby's genitals.

Bisexual individuals feel love and sexual attraction toward males and females.

Coming out is the process of telling others that one is gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender.

Conventionally gendered individuals' biological sex, gender identity and gender expression are either all male or all female.

Cross-gender hormones cause a male body to become more female or a female body to become more male.

Crossdressers wish to adopt the clothing and styles of grooming typical, in their culture of the other sex.

Effeminate boys are those whose manner and behavior are highly feminine.

Electrolysis is a treatment to remove unwanted facial or body hair.

Endocrinologist is a physician specializing the body's production of hormones, including those that make a person more masculine or feminine.

Facial feminization is surgery to make masculine face appear feminine.

Female-to-Male (FTMP) transsexual has a female body, is considered by others to be female, but feels male. He wants to have a male body and to be viewed by others as male.

Gay is a common term for homosexual.

Gay male refers to men who love and are sexually attracted to men.

Gender discordance is the experience of having a gender identity that differs from one's biological sex.

Gender dysphoria is a clinical term used to describe the unhappiness caused by the conflict between gender identity and biological sex or societal expectations for that sex.

Gender expression or **Gender presentation** is a person's presentation of self to others as masculine, feminine neither or both.

Gender identity is a person's inner sense of being female, male neither or both.

Gender identity therapist is a mental health professional with expertise about gender identity and expression.

Gender nonconforming kids are those whose desires, behaviors and manner do not conform to what society expects from children of their biological sex.

Genderfluid or **Genderqueer** people are those with a gender identity that is neither male nor female, or is a blend of male and female.

Heterosexual individuals feel love and sexual attraction toward members of the opposite sex.

Homosexual individuals feel love and sexual attraction toward members of the same sex.

Intersex people have genitals that are not exclusively male or female.

LGBT is an abbreviation for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender

Lesbian refers to women who love and are sexually attracted to women.

Male-to-Female (MTF) transsexual has a male body, is considered by others to be male, but feels female. She wants to have a female body and to be viewed by others as female.

Pansexual individuals feel love and sexual attraction toward others without placing importance on the partner's sex or gender.

Psychotherapy is counseling to address mental health or substance abuse problems.

Puberty-blocking hormones postpone the onset of puberty.

Sex, female or male, is assigned at birth based on the appearance of the baby's genitals.

Sexual orientation refers to the type of sexual attraction a person feels. Gay, lesbian, straight and bisexual are examples of sexual orientations.

Sexuality refers to sexual feelings and behaviors.

Social transition is the time when a transsexual person begins presenting in public according to his or her gender identity rather than according to his or her biological sex.

Straight is a common term for heterosexual.

Transboy is a child or adolescent female-to male transsexual.

Transgender people have a gender identity and/or gender expression that does not conform to the sex of their body.

Transgenderism is the body of knowledge on the subject of being transgender.

Transgirl is a child or adolescent male-to-female transsexual.

Transition, in this context, refers to the process of changing from male to female or female to male

Transsexuals are people whose gender identity is in sharp contrast to their biological sex.