





Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Data

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We Ask Because We Care is a component of HANYS Advancing Healthcare Excellence and Inclusion learning collaborative, launched with generous support from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation. The goal is to improve the accuracy and completion of patient demographic data while cultivating community understanding of how hospitals use this data to inform patient care and improve health outcomes.





Agenda

- Introductions
 - HANYS AHEI team
 - AHEI faculty
- Our partners
- Session 3:
 - Sexual orientation and
 - gender identity data
- Upcoming sessions







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OUR FUNDER

Funding from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation allows HANYS to expand its capacity to provide education, direct support, tools and data to our members in a strategic way. With this learning collaborative, we strive to effect lasting change in health equity at the local level by engaging providers and community stakeholders to address health disparities.



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OUR PARTNER

Through a partnership with Socially Determined, provider of Social Risk Intelligence™ solutions, <u>DataGen</u> will develop custom analytics for participants to help them understand how and where communities are affected by social risk so they can develop tailored intervention strategies.

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Breakout sessions

We are excited to offer optional breakout sessions to our virtual learning participants. Participants will interact with a small group of peers and focus on specific health equity topics impacting their community and facility, with guidance from AHEI faculty.

Topics may include:

- data collection,
- region-specific topics
- regulatory issues or
- best practices for implementing health equity/DEI work.

These sessions will be tailored to what participants would like to discuss in more detail.

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Session objectives

After this session, participants will be able to:

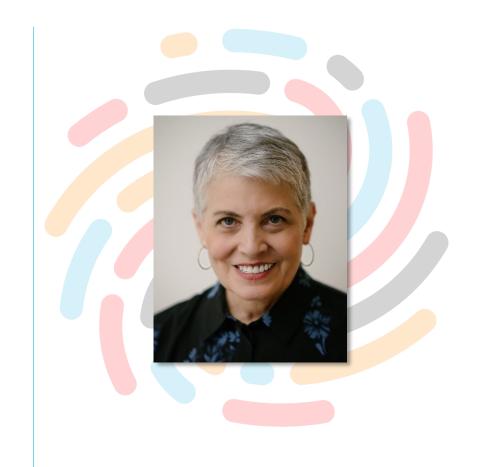
- 1) accurately and appropriately document SOGI data;
- 2) address common patient concerns about SOGI questions;
- 3) use SOGI data to identify disparities and improve care; and
- 4) create an inclusive environment at their practice.







Presenter



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Collecting SOGI Information, Preferred/Current Name and Pronouns

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Snapshot of Mount Sinai Health System

- An integrated health care system encompassing the Icahn School of Medicine and 8 hospital campuses in the New York metropolitan area and Mount Sinai South Nassau, Long Island.
- 400+ ambulatory practice locations throughout the five boroughs of New York City, Westchester, and Long Island.
- 45,000 employees which includes more than 7,200 physicians, including general practitioners and specialists, and 13 free-standing joint-venture centers.
- LGBTQ+ specialty practices including 5 clinics within the Institute for Advanced Medicine and the Center for Transgender Medicine and Surgery

Why

- 1. Eliminate Disparities
- 2. Improve Health Outcomes
- 3. Ethical Responsibility and Legal Compliance
- 4. Medical and Allied Health Students and Workforce Demand
- 5. Funding and Revenue
 - Commercial Insurance
 - CMS and Medicaid Coverage
 - Grant Funding Compliance and Opportunities
 - CMS EHR Rule Changes



Challenges to Patient SOGI Data Collection Implementation

- Different registration systems that did not interface.
- Different EHRs at different sites that did not interface.
- Paper patient intake forms, inconsistent across system, scanned into patient record.
- Legal names versus preferred name for identification, procedure verification and billing.
- Need for employee training on best practices in collecting, documenting and utilizing preferred/current names, pronouns and SOGI data.
- Current political anti-LGB/TGD climate, state laws, threats and Health Information Exchange Technology

Challenges to Employee/Provider SOGI Data Collection Implementation

NYS DOH and NYS DOE regulations in conflict with **NYS GENDA and NYC** LGB/TGD human rights protections and regulations

Assets and Resources within MSHS to Implement

- > Providers with clinical expertise in LGBTQ+ healthcare
- > Faculty educational and training expertise
- LGBTQ+ inclusive institutional policies and HEI leadership
- Growing reputation for LGBTQ+ excellence
- Ability to offer an integrated system of care to transgender and gender diverse patients: primary, ambulatory and behavioral health services, across 3 boroughs
- MSHS and ISSM research capacity and capability

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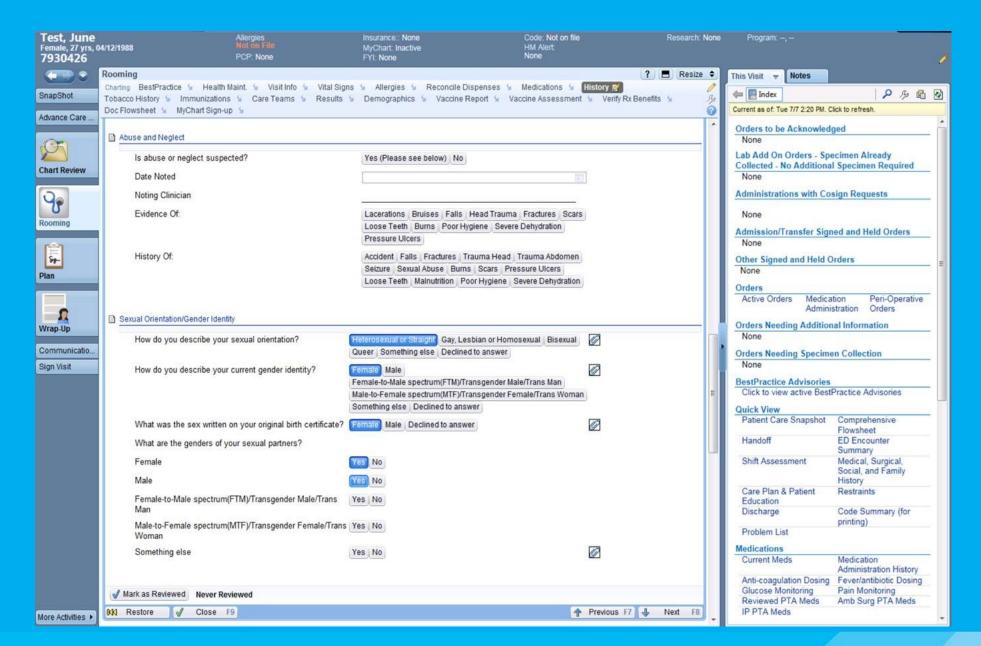


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AMBULATORY PATIENT SELF ASSESSMENT

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☐ Other					
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Screenshot SOGI in EPIC



Actual SOGI Questions	Purpose of SOGI Questions	Response Options	
"How would you describe your sexual orientation?"	Asking separately from sexual practice will help strategize for counseling conversations about risk reduction.	Ask patient to select one best response: Heterosexual/Straight Gay, Lesbian, or Homosexual Bisexual Queer Something Else Decline to Answer	
"How would you describe your current gender identity?"	This question may start a conversation with the client about their medical history, if relevant, around a gender identity transition.	Ask patient to select one best response:	
"What are the genders of your sexual partners?"	This question will also start a conversation about sexual practices and reproductive health. There are patients who may have sexual relationships with transgender persons.	Select all that apply: Male Female Transgender Male Transgender Female Something Else Decline to Answer	
"What is the sex on your original birth certificate?"	This question helps elicit further gender history.	Ask patient to select one best response: · Male · Female	

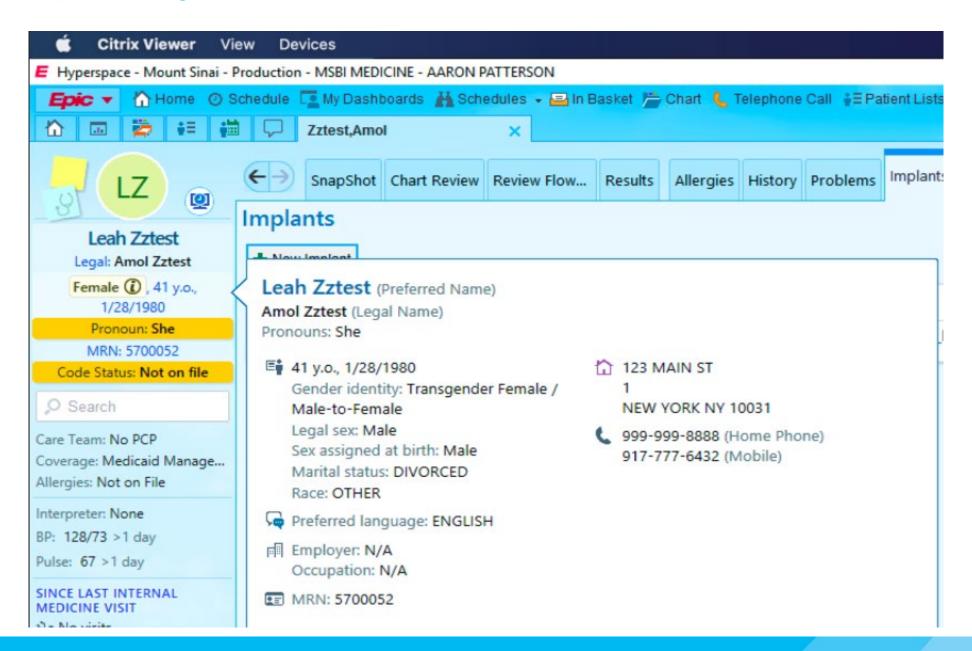
Asking and Using Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Questions in EPIC

Who, what, when, where	How
Who should be asking patients about their sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI)?	Any clinician who has access to the fields in the patient chart. This will depend on site specific workflow.
Who should be asked SOGI?	Every patient.
When should SOGI be asked/be updated?	SOGI should be collected as soon as possible for existing patients, at the initial appointment for new patients, and updated annually.
Where are the SOGI questions located?	The questions can be found under the social history section in the visit navigator within EPIC.

EPIC Documentation

- 1. Technical: where fields are, access to fields, documentation issues.
- 2. SOGI data in history section of visit navigator
- 3. Added within an existing section, scrolled down to complete
- 4. Complete in initial visit
- 5. Follow up annually
- 6. For all new and existing patients

Epic Storyboard with SOGI, Preferred Name and Pronoun



Where to Identify Patient Names and Pronouns

- EPIC Electronic Medical Record
- Chart Notations
- Registration
- My Chart/My Mount Sinai
- Face Sheet
- Patient Room White Board
- Double White Patient ID Bracelet
- Paper Intake Forms
- ASK and DO A WARM HANDOFF

Goal: How to welcome and affirm the patient and their gender identity when you are aware of their currently used "preferred" name and pronouns

Good morning! I'm John and I will be your nurse today. I use he and him pronouns. I see your name on your record is Elena Smith. And that you use she and her pronouns. *May I call you Elena?*



Yes please. I am Elena.

Great Elena. Lets get started with your blood pressure and weight.

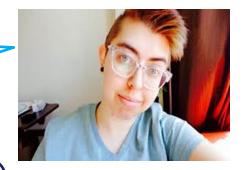


Goal: How to welcome and affirm the patient and their gender identity when you are unsure, don't have access to, or do not see that information. And when the patient is upset about being mis-gendered previously.

Good morning. I'm Dr. Florence Jones. I use she and her pronouns. May I ask how you would like to be addressed?



My name is on my chart. I hope it's the right name this time. Last time I was here everyone kept using my dead name.



I am so sorry that we got it wrong last time. That is why I always check in with all our patients, I will let the registrar know that we need to have your correct name listed at the desk and on your record.



OK. My name <u>is</u> A.J. Greene. Call me AJ and my pronouns are they and them.

Thanks AJ. I will let your nurse and care team know. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to make your visit more comfortable.



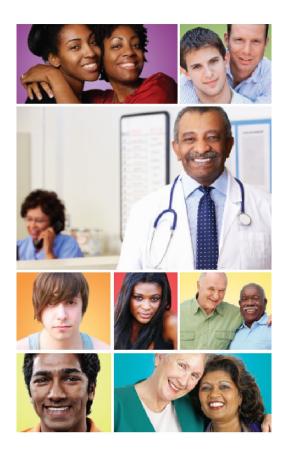
Do Ask, Do Tell: A Resource for Patients and Providers

▶ If any patients question why you are asking them for this information, best answer is (or in your own words)

"We are asking all of our patients their sexual orientation, current gender identity and assigned sex at birth, so we can make sure that you get the healthcare you need. We don't want anyone to feel uncomfortable; I just like to let my patients know they can bring their full selves to our clinic. Whatever questions or healthcare needs you have, I am ready to try to help."*

▶ "Do Ask, Do Tell" brochure for LGBT patients with questions

Do Ask, Do Tell: Talking to your health care provider about being LGBT



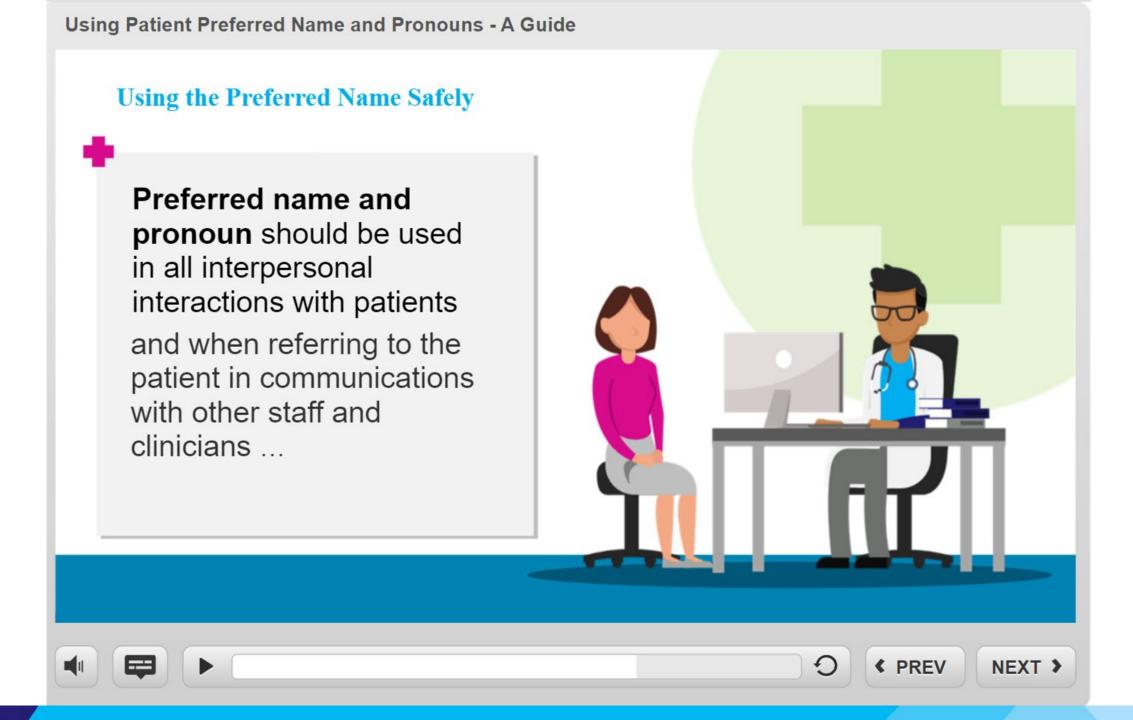
^{*}Great UCSF Transgender Training resource from UCSF http://transhealth.ucsf.edu/video/story.html

Engaging Patients and Improving Health Outcomes



- Recording and using preferred/current name and pronouns can suggest to transgender individuals an inclusive and affirming clinical environment.
- Using someone's preferred/current name and pronoun enables us to address people with the dignity and respect everyone deserves, and to deliver the highest quality patient experience.

Quality and Safety Challenge for Procedure Verification



Using the Preferred Name Safely



Legal Name must be used when verification of patient identification is needed before administering treatments and performing tests.



Accurate patient identification requires the use of:

Legal Name and Date of Birth

And should be used with

- ✓ Blood Draws
- Medication and IV administration
- Surgical and other invasive procedures
- Blood product transfusions
- Radiological studies
- Food service deliveries
- Any other medical interventions





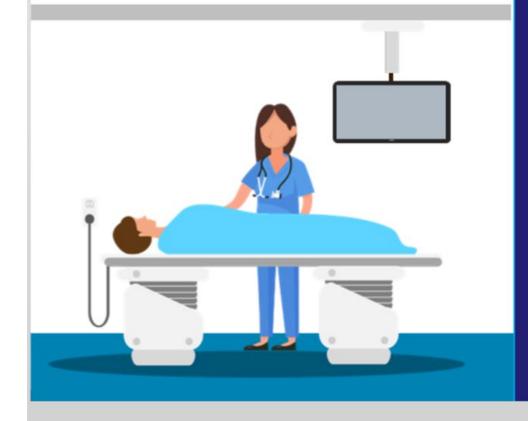






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Sensitivity Tips for TGNB Patients



How Can We Verify
The Legal Name
and also Respect The
Patient?







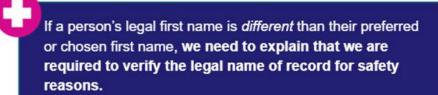




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Sensitivity Tips for TGNB Patients





When within earshot of other staff or patients, for confidentiality, it is important to speak softly in making that request.

In **inpatient settings** where the patient is wearing a hospital ID bracelet, it is acceptable to ask the patient to show you their bracelet and verify that the name on their bracelet is their legal name of record, without the patient having to say the former name aloud.

In an ambulatory setting, in the privacy of the exam room, you may show the patient the legal name on the label you are printing or on the medical record on the computer screen, and ask them to verify it without their having to say it aloud.









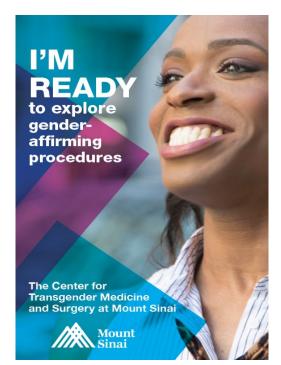


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Employee Pronoun Stickers for **Mount Sinai ID Badges**



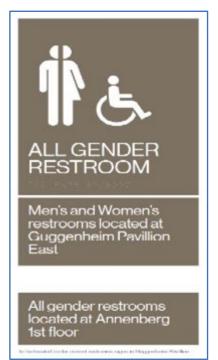
Creating A Welcoming and Safe Environment

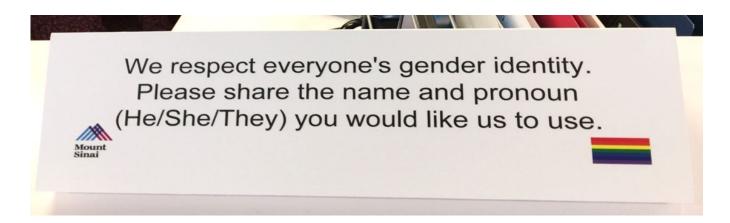












Additional Resources

- ► MSHS Office for Diversity and Inclusion
 Contact <u>barbara.warren@mountsinai.org</u>
- ► HRC's HEI Online LGBT Education and Training (FREE CEUs and CMEs) http://mountsinai.learn.taleo.net/files/upload/creative/HRCOnlineTraining.pdf

► Center of Excellence for Transgender Health, University of California San Francisco

http://transhealth.ucsf.edu/video/story.html



Questions and Discussion





Final session

Monday, April 24 | Noon - 1 p.m.

Social Determinants of Health Data

SDoH data provides the necessary context for hospitals and health systems to identify, track and respond appropriately to each patient's health related social needs. These data deepen the understanding of community needs and preferences. This session will outline best practices in screening for SDoH and developing a robust referral process.

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Office hours with Dr. lyasere

Do you have any further questions about *We Ask Because We Care*? You can speak with Dr. Iyasere during her office hours!
Contact ahei@hanys.org for an invitation to any of these sessions.

April 25, 11a.m - 12p.m.

May 4, 2p.m - 3p.m.

We recommend that hospitals come with questions or problems they want to talk through with Dr. Iyasere. Office hours are optional, and open to all attendees.

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