#### Transgender Medicine 101:

A Basic Approach to providing Compassionate and Evidence-based care to the Transgender Community

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### Objectives:



Healthcare Disparities in Sexual and Gender Minorities



Creating a "Trans-friendly" Clinic Environment



Transgender Hormone Therapy





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## Adverse Childhood Experiences

### PEDIATRICS

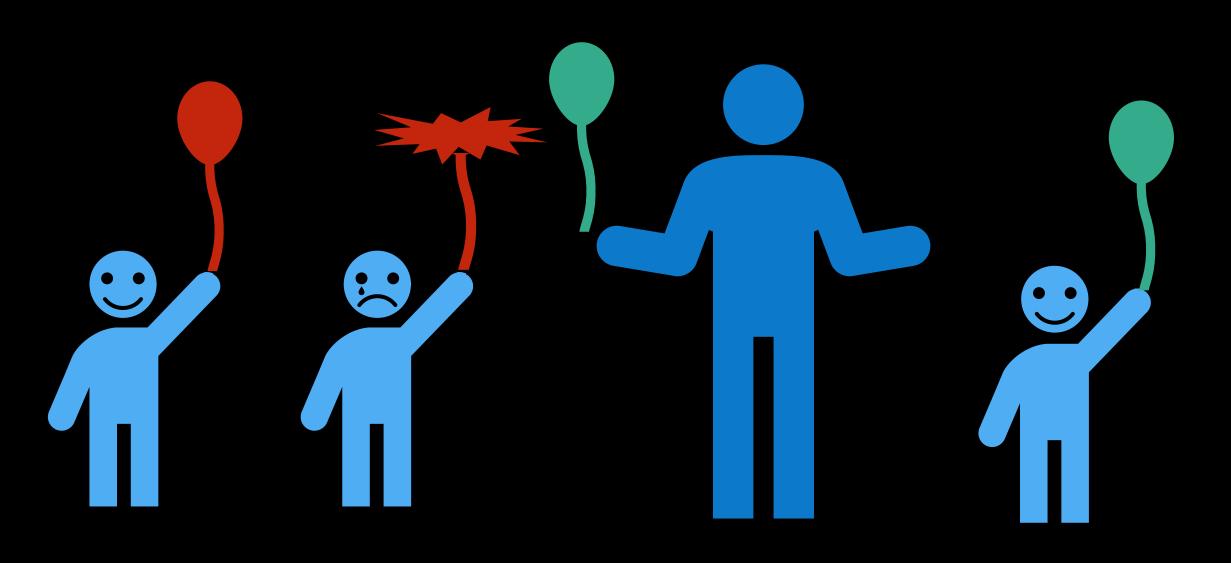
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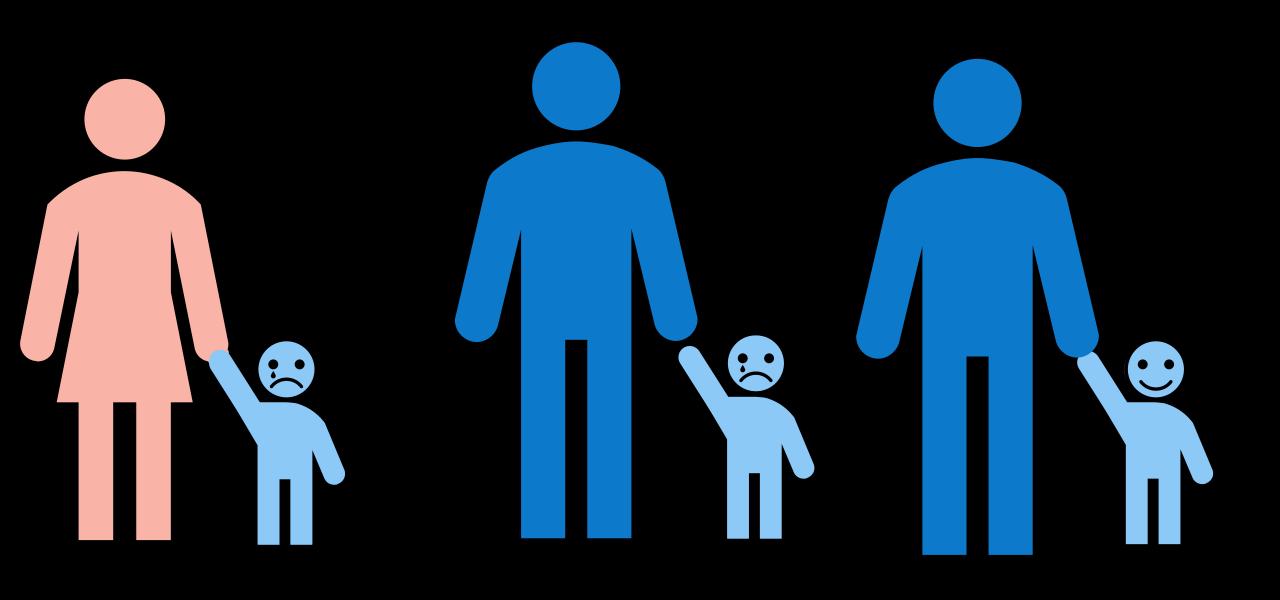
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#### The Lifelong Effects of Early Childhood Adversity and Toxic Stress

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Positive Stress Response



Tolerable Stress Response



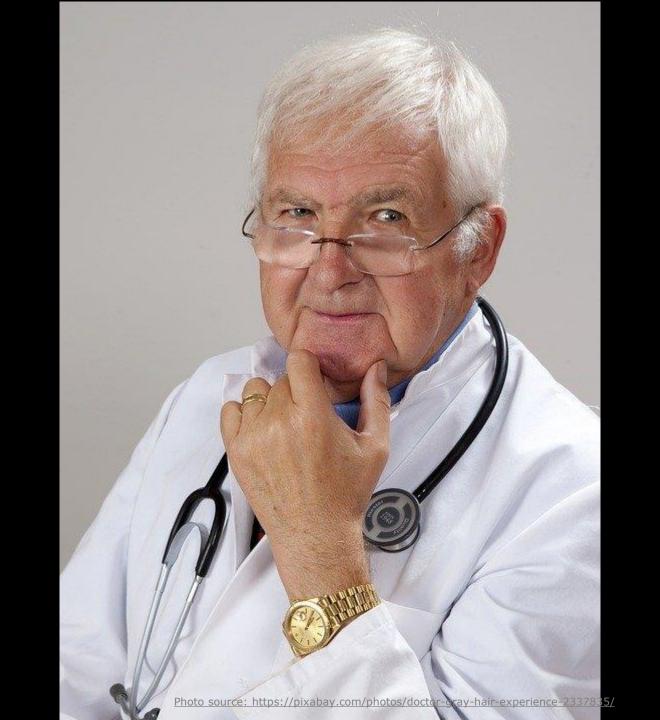
#### Toxic Stress











Toxic Stress

Racial Stress GSM Stress

Socioeconomic Stress

Death Early Death Disease, Disability, & Social Problems Adoption of Health Risk Behavior Social, Emotional, & Cognitive Impairment Disrupted Neurodevelopment **Adverse Childhood Experiences Social Conditions / Local Context Generational Embodiment / Historical Trauma** Conception Mechanism by which Adverse Childhood Experiences

Influence Health and Well-being Throughout the Lifespan



## 2x mental health conditions

## 2x risk of suicide attempts

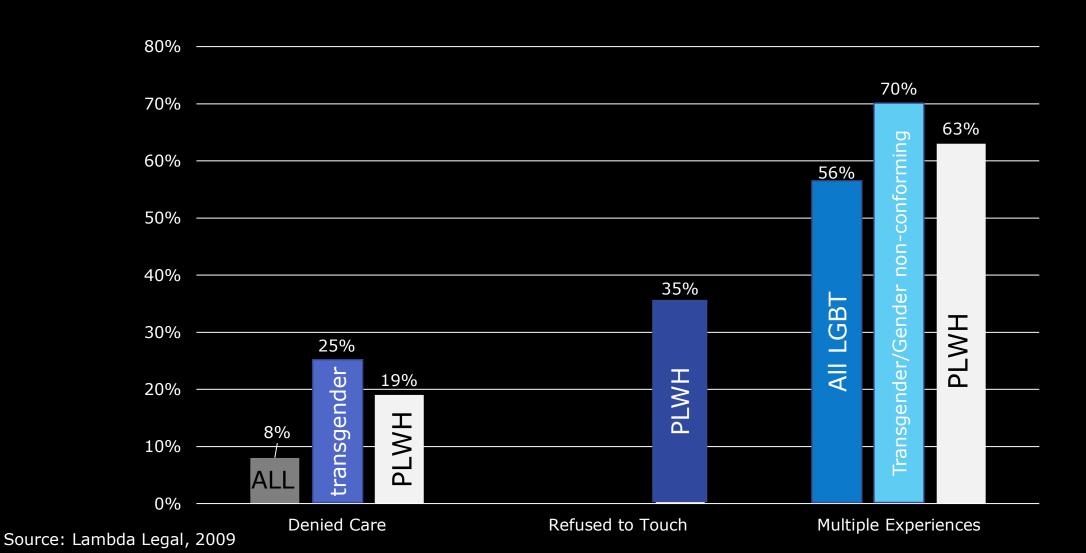








## Barriers to Health Care Among LGBT and HIV Communities







### QUESTION YOUR







I'd like to ask you some questions about your sexual orientation, gender identity and sexual history.

What pronouns do you use?

These questions help me understand my patients and their lifestyles.

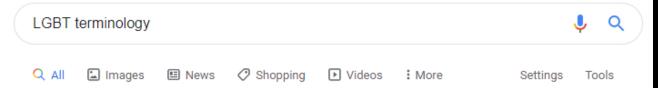
### If You Don't Know, Ask



#### Nomenclature

# Know where to go...





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When discussing adolescents or youth we use LGBTQ: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer. Other acronyms may use any combination of the following: LGBTQQIAAP2S: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, Ally, Pansexual, Two-Spirit.

www.lgbthealtheducation.org > uploads > LGBT-Glossary\_March2016 PDF

Glossary of LGBT Terms for Health Care Teams



www.hrc.org > resources > glossary-of-terms .

#### Glossary of Terms | Human Rights Campaign

Cisgender | A term used to describe a person whose gender identity aligns with those typically associated with the sex assigned to them at birth. Closeted | Describes an LGBTQ person who has not disclosed their sexual orientation or gender identity. ... Gay | A person who is ...

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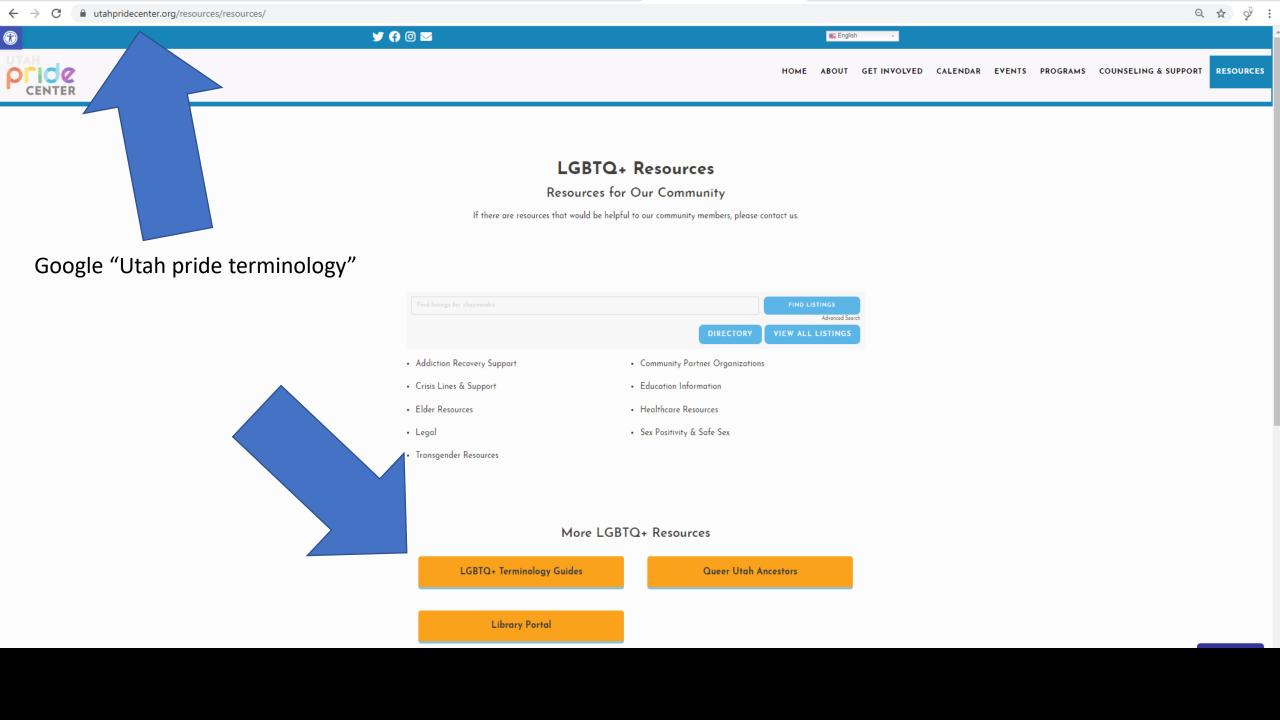
#### LGBTQIA Resource Center Glossary

Jan 14, 2020 - **GLOSSARY** The **terms** and definitions below are always evolving and ... **LGBT**: Abbreviation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender.

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#### Comprehensive\* List of LGBTQ+ Vocabulary Definitions - It's ...

With identity **terms**, trust the person who is using the term and their definition of it above ... Other options include the initialism GLBT or **LGBT** and the acronym ...



#### Updated July 2019.

Home > Coming Out

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The power of language to shape our perceptions of other people is immense. Precise use of terms in regards to gender and sexual orientation can have a significant impact on demystifying many of the misperceptions associated with these concepts. However, the vocabulary of both continues to evolve, and there is not universal agreement about the definitions of many terms. Here are some working definitions and examples of frequently used (and misused) terms as a starting point for dialogue and understanding.

PFLAG National Glossary of Terms

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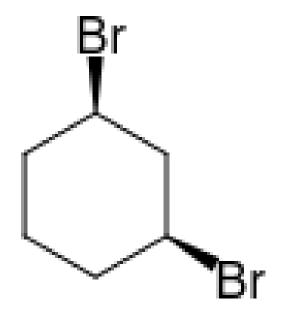
AFAB: Acronym meaning Assigned Female at Birth. AFAB people may or may not identify as female some or all of the time.

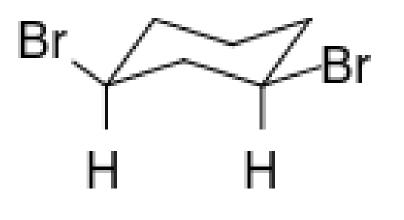
**Affirmed Gender:** An individual's true gender, as opposed to their gender assigned at birth. This term should replace terms like *new gender* or *chosen gender*, which imply that an individual's gender was chosen.

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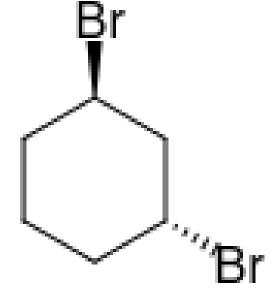
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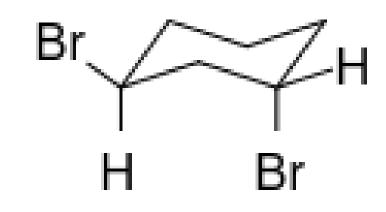






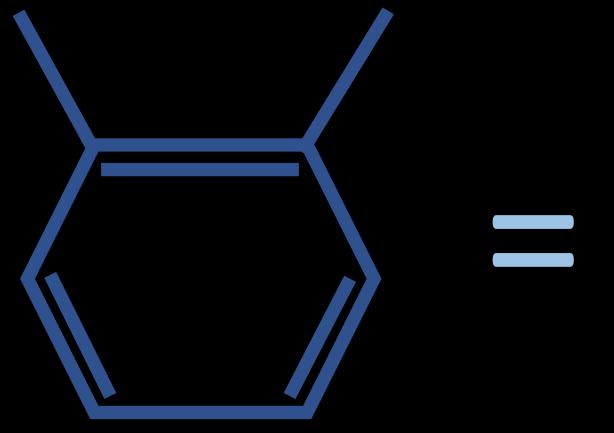
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trans

Assigned Identifies as male at birth a male



Cisgender male (male)

Assigned male at birth (AMAB)

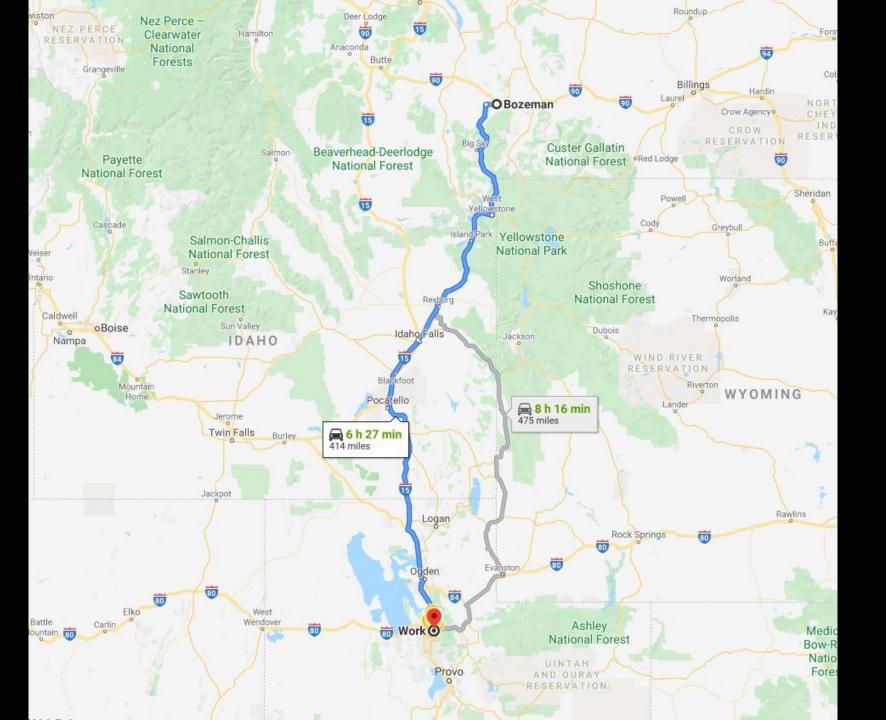


Transfemale (Female)

MTF/M2F

Identifies as a female

# Transgender Hormone Therapy



## Why Do Providers Refuse To Care for Transgender Individuals? My Ideas...

Willing, but no opportunity

Seeing TG pts, providing hormones

Seeing TG pts (but not providing hormones)

"No"

Lack of training

Religious or Moral Objections



#### WPATH Standards of Care Guidelines

- 1. Gender dysphoria
- 2. Capacity
- 3. Medical/mental health reasonably well controlled
- 4. Legal age of consent (18)



The Absolute Basics of Feminizing

Hormone Therapy

100-200 pg/ml

17 β estradiol 2 – 8 mg PO/IM

Adult male testosterone\*

<50 ng/ml

Spironolactone 100mg BID\*



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## The Absolute Basics of Feminizing Hormone Therapy

- Informed consent
- Check K (spiro) and hormones (estradiol and total adult male testosterone every 3 months (first year)
- Sexual history (PrEP?)

# The Absolute Basics of Masculinizing Hormone Therapy

300-1000 ng/ml

# Adult male testosterone

Testosterone cypionate\* 50-100mg IM/SQ weekly



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## The Absolute Basics of Masculinizing Hormone Therapy

- Informed consent
- Check CBC (Hct <50%) and adult male testosterone every 3 months (first year)
- Sexual history (PrEP/ contraception)

#### **UCSF** Transgender Care

For Patients - For Providers - Our Team - Schedule an Appointment



UCSF Transgender Care is a multidisciplinary program consisting of experts in transgender medicine and surgery at UCSF Medical Center. Our aim is to provide evidence-based, cutting-edge clinical care for transgender and gender non-binary communities, as

#### Welcome!

NOTICE REGARDING STATUS OF SERVICES **DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC** RESPONSE

Schedule an appointment

Surgical assessment process

UCSF Transgender Care Guidelines

For Providers

- Refer a patient
- e-Consult
- Clinical rotation/experience





### **Gender Affirming Hormone Therapy Guidelines**



**Trans Masculine: Exogenous Testosterone Dosing** 

Medication	Start/Usual Dose	Typical Max Dose	Frequency	Pros	Cons	Notes
Intramuscular or Subcutaneous¹ Injectable Testosterone (Testosterone Cypionate or Testosterone Enanthate)	50mg - 80mg (0.25mL - 0.4mL of 200mg/mL solution or 0.5mL - 1.0mL of 100mg/mL solution)	100mg (0.5mL of 200mg/mL solution)	Weekly <sup>2</sup>	Less frequent     administration compared     with transdermal     Peak of injectable may     better suppress     endogenous hormone     production	Peak/trough fluctuation effect     Self-injection or frequent in-office injections     Needle use	Cypionate formulated in cottonseed oil (use if allergic to sesame)     Enanthate formulated in sesame oil (use if allergic to cottonseed)     Enanthate has slightly shorter half-life than cypionate
Transdermal Testosterone Topical Gel (Androgel, Axiron, Testim)	20mg – 62.5mg  Androgel 1%, 12.5mg/actuation, 2-5 pumps Androgel 1.62%, 20.25mg/actuation, 1-3 pumps Axiron, 30mg/actuation, 1-2 pumps Testim, 50mg/5g, 2.5g-5g	Androgel 1%, 12.5mg/actuation, 8 pumps     Androgel 1.62%, 20.25mg/actuation, 5 pumps     Axiron, 30mg/actuation, 3 pumps     Testim, 50mg/5g, 10 g	Daily	No needle use     Less fluctuation in levels     Good for more gradual effects	Slower to stop menses and may not fully stop at lower doses     Risk of transferring to others/pets so must instruct how to apply per package insert     Some products are scented and may not be appropriate for those with scent-sensitivities     Daily application     May be expensive if not covered by insurance	Consider using higher doses for those with more adipose tissue
Transdermal Testosterone Patch (Androderm)	2mg – 6mg (1 - 3x 2mg patches)	8mg (2x 4mg patches)	Daily	No needle use     Less fluctuation in levels     Good for more gradual effects     Less risk of transfer to others	Slower to stop menses and may not fully stop at lower doses Adhesive irritation, can fall off with sweat <sup>3</sup> Daily application May be expensive if not covered by insurance	Consider using higher doses for those with more adipose tissue
Testosterone Pellets (Testopel)	450mg – 600mg (6 - 8x 75mg pellets)	750mg (10x 75 mg pellets)	Every 3-4 months	No needle use     Less frequent     administration     Less fluctuation in levels	More invasive, requires minor surgery to implant     May be expensive if not covered by insurance	Lab draw frequency: Baseline draw prior to starting, once at 1 month, then at 3 months prior to next insertion     Consider using higher doses for those with more adipose tissue
Testosterone Undecanoate IM (Aveed)	750mg (3mL of 750mg/3mL solution)	N/A	Initial injection, at 4 weeks, then every 10 weeks thereafter	Less frequent injection     Less fluctuation in levels	Pulmonary oil embolism risk PCP and facility need registration May be expensive and unlikely to be covered by insurance at present	Formulated in castor oil
Testosterone Undecanoate Oral (Jatenzo)	316mg – 474mg (1x 158mg capsules BID 1x 198mg capusultes BID 1x 237mg capsules BID)	790mg (1x 158mg + 1x 237mg capsules BID)	Daily	No needle use     Less fluctuation in levels	First pass metabolism     Daily dose	Recommend divided doses (BID) to decrease first pass effect and hepatotoxicity. Starting dose 237mg BID, then adjust dose to min of 158mg BID, with a max of 395mg BID
Testosterone Nasal Gel (Natesto)	33mg (2 pump actuations, one 5.5mg actuation per nostril = 11mg TID)	N/A	Daily	No needle use     Less fluctuation in levels	Administration three times per day	Not recommended for use with other nasally administered drugs other than sympathomimetic decongestants

### BLACK LIVES MATTER BLACK TRANS LIVES MATTER

### Fenway Health

#### Transgender Health

To our Black trans and gender diverse patients, clients, participants, and community members . . .

We know we must do more to dismantle the systems of racism in our community, and in healthcare as a whole. Our spaces have not always been welcoming, and your voices have not always been heard. We stand in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and those who are protesting a paint the violence and trutality representant by white supremark and the protest protest of the protest protest of the protest protest of the supremark and the protest p

Appointments

617.927.6000

Any other questions?

857.313.6589 or transhealth@fenwayhealth.org

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We are experiencing staffing and resource shortages due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Please be patient with our call center and other staff as we do our best to continue to provide care. For service related changes, please click here for details.

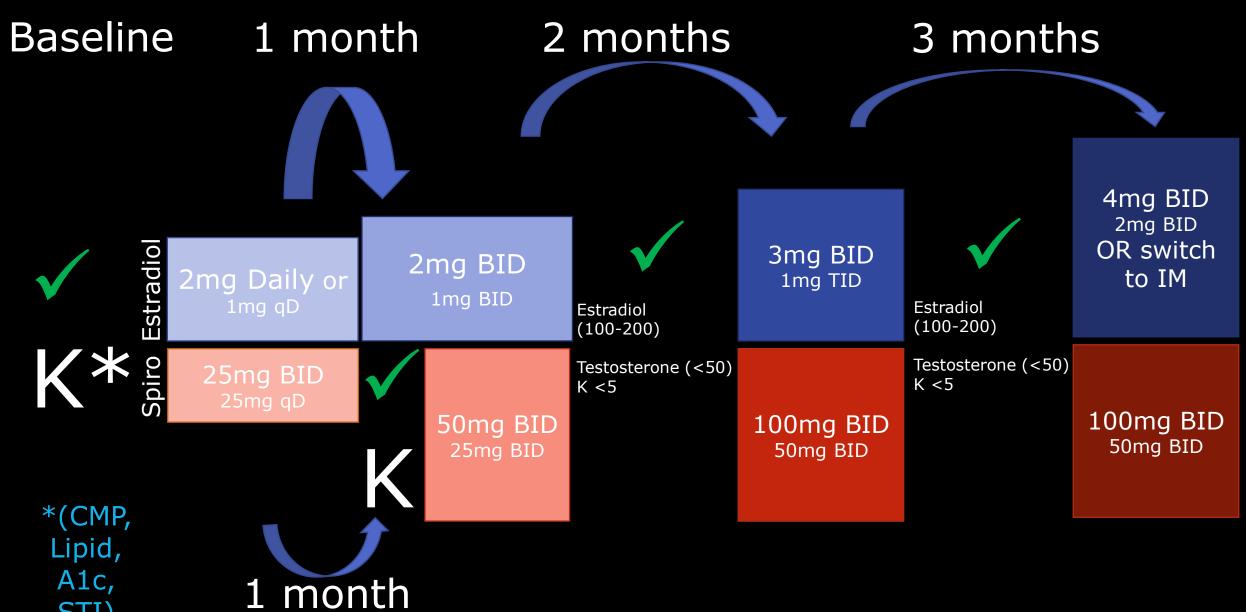
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#### Feminizing Hormone Therapy Monitoring Protocols

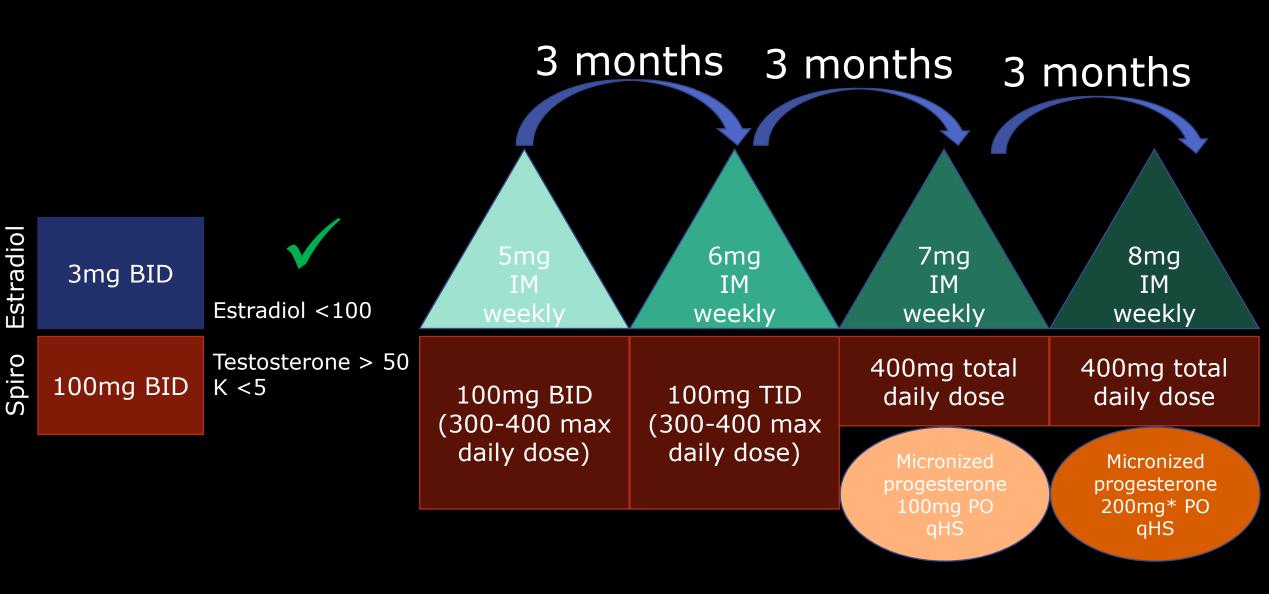
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Baseline	CBC CMP Hepatitis A/B/C Syphilis HIV	+/- A1c, lipid	Lipid CMP +/- Testosterone/prolactin HIV* Hep A/B/C* Syphilis* GC*	Feldman & Safer, 2009: Total and/or free Testosterone Lipids Fasting glucose CMP	BMP +/- Prolactin +/- Lipids/A1c (based on USPSTF guidelines)	BMP  +/- Prolactin
Ongoing monitoring during the first year	Labs collected 4-5 weeks after dose changes, @3 months of full dose and then every 6 months: CMP* if taking spiro CBC* if taking flutamide Prolactin Lipids	Every 3 months: Estradiol Testosterone CMP *if on spiro +/- Prolactin (periodically?) +/- Lipids/HgbA1c	BMP 2-8 weeks after starting or changing dose of spiro Testosterone @6 mo after stabilization +/- Serum estradiol Serum prolactin annually	Feldman & Safer, 2009: Total and/or free testosterone ~q3 mo or with dose changes Lipids @ 3 mo and with dose changes CMP every 3 mo if on spiro +/- estradiol	Every 3 months BMP * if on spiro  @3 and 6 months, then q6-12 months or PRN: BMP Serum Estradiol Total Testosterone +/- SHBG, Albumin	6-8 weeks after initiation and change in dosing and +/- after 6 months on maintenance dose: Testosterone Estradiol
After 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	Every 6 mos: CBC CMP Lipids ?Prolactin	Every 6-12 months Estradiol Testosterone CMP annually +/- DEXA at baseline and at age 60	Lipid/BMP every 6-12 months +/- Testosterone and estradiol	Total and/or free testosterone ~q6 mo Lipids q12 mo CMP every 6 mo if on spiro +/- estradiol	PRN: +/- Lipids, Estradiol, Testosterone, SHBG, Albumin, Prolactin	Q12 months when stable: Testosterone Estradiol BMP Prolactin
Goal hormone ranges:	Generally does not recommend surveillance of hormone levels	Serum estradiol 100- 200 pg/ml Serum total testosterone <50 ng/ml	Serum estradiol 100-200 pg/ml Serum total testosterone <50 ng/ml	No specific endorsements (Refer to literature)	Consult local lab for reference ranges	Use cisgender female follicular/pre-ovulatory phase reference range. Total Testosterone 50 – 75ng/dL is ideal

#### Feminizing Hormone Therapy



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#### Feminizing Hormone Therapy - Switch to IM



FEMINIZING HORMONE THERAPY	✓ Accept
☐ Comprehensive Metabolic Panel ■ Routine, Clinic Collect, Qty-12, Expires: 1 Year, Count: 12	^
✓ Testosterone, Adult Male ● Routine, Clinic Collect, Qty-12, Expires: 8/12/2021 Manual-release, Count: 12, Resulting Agency - ARUP	
✓ Estradiol, Adult Premenopausal Female ● Routine, Clinic Collect, Qty-12, Expires: 8/12/2021 Manual-release, Count: 12, Resulting Agency - ARUP	
Lipid Panel Routine, Clinic Collect, Qty-1, Expected: Today, Expires: 1 Year	
☐ Hgb A1C ■ Routine, Clinic Collect, Expected: Today, Expires: 3 Months	
☐ Prolactin  Routine, Clinic Collect, Expected: Today, Expires: 3 Months	
Sex Hormone Binding Globulin Routine, Clinic Collect, Expected: Today, Expires: 3 Months	
☐ Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Combo Antigen/Antibody (HIV-1/O/2) by CIA, Reflexive Panel ■ Routine, Qty-1, Expected: Today, Expires: 1 Year	
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☐ Chlamydia T & N Gonorrhoeae By TMA - Pharyngeal ■ Routine, Expected: Today, Expires: 1 Year, Pharyngeal	
☐ Chlamydia T & N Gonorrhoeae By TMA - Rectum ■ Routine, Expected: Today, Expires: 1 Year, Rectum	
☐ Hepatitis A Virus Antibodies, Total ■ Routine, Expected: Today, Expires: 1 Year	
☐ Hepatitis B Virus Surface Antibody ■ Routine, Expected: Today, Expires: 1 Year	
☐ Hepatitis C Virus Antibody by CIA with Reflex to HCV by Quantitative NAAT ■ Routine, Expected: Today, Expires: 1 Year	
estradiol (ESTRACE) 1 mg tablet (SL route)	
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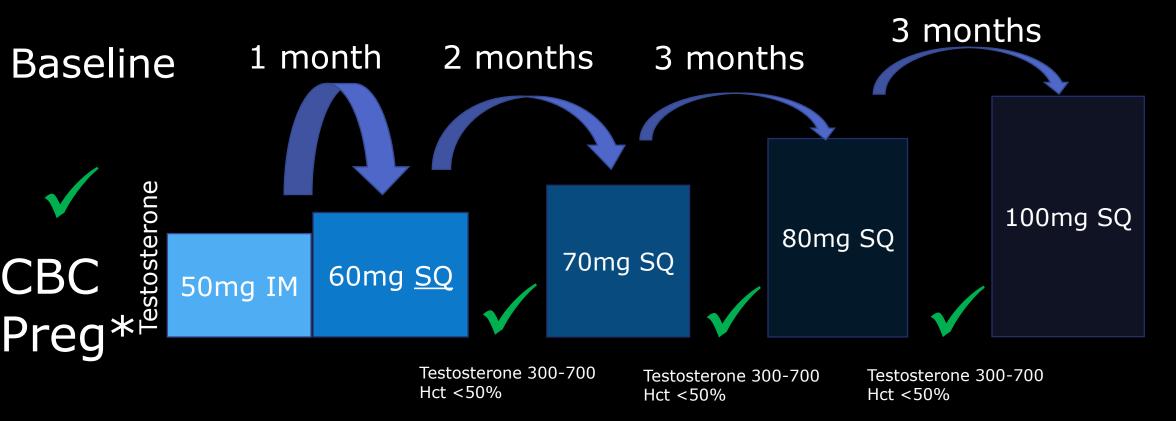
### Feminizing Hormone Therapy Labs

- Baseline: CMP, Lipid, A1C + STI or HIV PrEP labs
- Every three months for 1st year: adult male testosterone, premenopausal estradiol, CMP and +/- HgbA1c, lipid and STI/PrEP labs
- Every six months for Years 2-3: testosterone, estradiol, CMP and +/-HgbA1c, lipid and STI/PrEP labs
- Annual labs after three years: testosterone, estradiol, CMP, A1c, +/- lipid and STI/PrEP labs

#### Masculinizing Hormone Therapy Monitoring Protocols

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Baseline	CBC CMP Hepatitis A/B/C, Syphilis, HIV	H/H Lipid* Testosterone +/- A1c, lipid	CBC LFT Lipid +/- testosterone, +/- A1c uhCG, STI,	Feldman & Safer, 2009: H/H LFT Fasting lipid Fasting glucose	H/H +/- Lipid* +/- A1c* (based on USPSTF guidelines)	CBC CMP
Ongoing monitoring during the first year	LFT (1 mo after starting half-dose) LFT, lipid (1 mo after starting full-dose) @ 5-9 months: LFT, lipids	CBC Every 3 mo  Testosterone every 3 mo ?Estradiol suppression? Lipids	@ 6 mo: CBC, LFT, lipid, +/- A1c, testosterone @ 12 mo: CBC, LFT, lipid, +/- A1c, testosterone	H/H (1-3 mo after menses cease) Testosterone (1-3 mo after starting and with dose $\Delta$ ) Lipid (q3 mo) LFT (q 3mo)	H/H  Testosterone every 3 mo +/- SHBG, albumin, other labs at provider discretion)	Total testosterone (once amenorrhoeic or 2-3 mo after start and1-3 months after dose change) CBC, total testosterone (6 months after achieving maintenance dose)
After 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	Every 6 mos: CBC, CMP, lipids, ?prolactin	Every 6-12 mos: H/H Testosterone	CBC, LFT, lipid, +/- A1c, testosterone (Every 6 mos for 2-3 years, then annually)	Every 6-12 mos: H/H Testosterone Fasting lipid LFT	H/H Testosterone +/- SHBG, albumin, other labs at provider discretion)	12 months after: CBC, total testosterone, CMP*, lipids**
Goal Hormone Ranges:	Does note check testosterone	Typically 320- 1000ng/dL AND 400-700 ng/dL	300-700 ng/dL	No specific endorsements, refer to literature	Consult local lab for reference ranges AND 350-1100 ng/dL	References Fenway, Endocrine Society and UCSF

#### Masculinizing Hormone Therapy





#### MASCULINIZING HORMONE THERAPY

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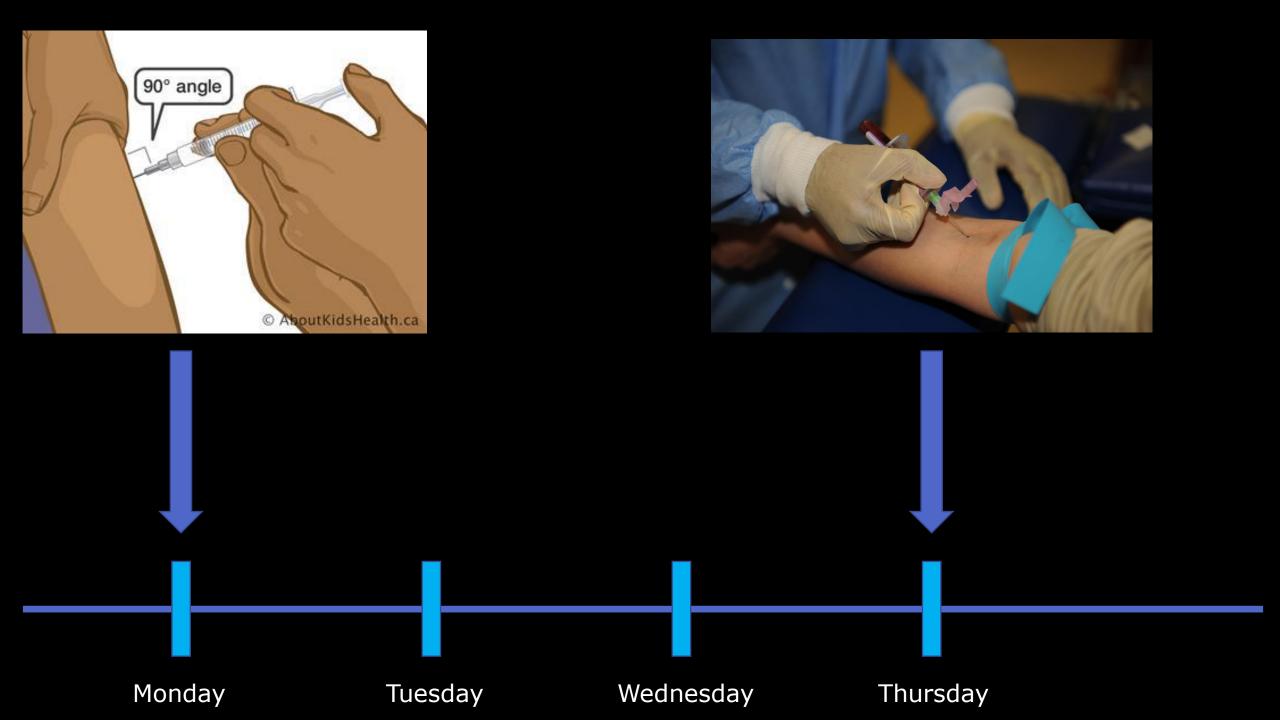
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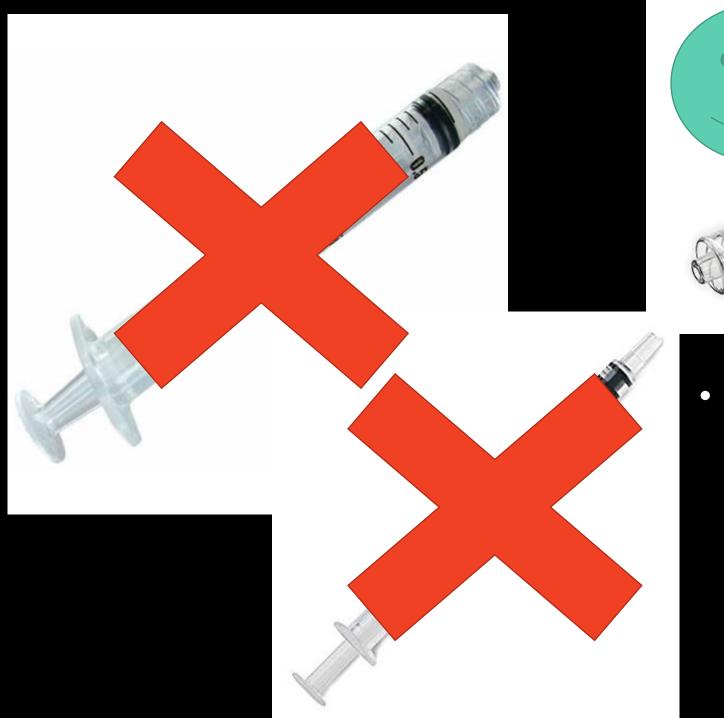
- Baseline: urine pregnancy test, CBC, CMP +/- lipid, A1c, HIV, HepC, GC/CT and other STI labs
- Every three months for 1st year: testosterone, CMP, CBC, urine pregnancy (if potentially sexually active with individuals who produce sperm) and +/-HgbA1c, lipid and STI/PrEP labs
- Every six months for Years 2-3: testosterone, CBC, CMP and urine pregnancy (if potentially sexually active with sperm producers) and +/- HgbA1c, lipid and STI/PrEP labs
- Annual labs after three years: testosterone, CBC, CMP, urine pregnancy, A1c, +/lipid and STI/PrEP labs

#### Clinical Pearls

Timing of labs is CRITICAL - midweek for injectables and in the morning for orals/sublingual (don't take your meds morning of getting your labs drawn)









- Syringe/needles are CRITICAL
  - SQ (testosterone) 23-25G 5/8 inch on 1 cc LUER LOCK syringe
  - IM (testosterone/estradiol) 22-23G 1-1.5 inch on 1 cc LUER LOCK syringe





# DOING NOTHINGS

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