

Sexual and Gender Minority (LGBTQ) People In Healthcare: Did you know?

Did you know...

Evidence suggests that transgender individuals in Canada are a medically underserved population; barriers range from lack of provider knowledge on transgender issues to refusal of care (Giblon, R et al., 2017)

Did you know...

AHS provides care and services to approximately 170,000 Albertans who identify as LGBTQ.

Did you know...

AHS has approximately 4,000 to 5,000 staff who identify as LGBTQ.

Did you know...

Sexual and gender minority (LGBTQ) clients/patients are more likely to suffer abuse within their lives due to stigma and lack of understanding.

Did you know...

Some seniors that identify with the LGBTQ community have expressed concerns about moving in to continuing care facilities mainly due to fears that they would not be respected (cared for, included, accepted) as an LGBTQ senior.

Did you know...

For adults of this community who experienced high levels of rejection were:

- Nearly 6 times as likely to have high levels of depression;
- More than 8 times as likely to have attempted suicide;
- More than 3 times as likely to use illegal drugs; and
- More than 3 times as likely to engage in unprotected sexual behaviors that put them at increased risk for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections.

Did you know...

For LGBTQ children and youth, 84.6% reported being verbally harassed, 40.1% reported being physically harassed, and 18.8% reported being physically assaulted at school in the past year because of their sexual orientation.