

Ethical Issues in Relation to Trans Healthcare

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The following discussion questions are provided as an additional educational tool to accompany this fireside chat video. Please feel free to select the questions that are most relevant to your committee or group, revise and adapt them as needed, etc. As always, we welcome feedback on this or any other NSHEN resource.

Questions:

- What did you learn from this interview?
- According to a study conducted in 2012 by Bauer et al (see link below), 52% of the trans people interviewed had a negative experience within the ED. Does the high number of negative experiences surprise you? Why/why not?
- Gabriel Enxuga describes misgendering as a common problem that trans people are facing when seeking health care. Discuss different ways to prevent misgendering in the communication with patients and how you might react in the case of an accidental misgendering.
- Gabriel Enxuga suggests trying to use language in a more inclusive way to acknowledge and normalize the presence of trans people. In your opinion, what can be done to expand the way we think about gender?
- Where do you see your experiences and perceptions of gender influence the way you interact with other people?
- What can be done at a system level to cultivate understanding among physicians and other health care providers about transgender patients and their health care needs?
- Can you think of ways to enhance gender inclusivity at system level?

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TV programs:

Sky's the limit, Queer Eye, season 2, episode 5. Air date, June 15, 2018. Available on Netflix

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