

Abstract Section

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Abstract

Background:

There remains to be a dearth of literature having to do with the barriers that transgender individuals experience within the perioperative and intraoperative healthcare settings. This study explored the healthcare experiences of transgender patients who have undergone transgender affirmation surgery within the setting of an 1,100 bed academic medical center in Baltimore, MD.

Methods:

Participants were required to complete a sociodemographic questionnaire to capture and assess data related to age, gender identity, racial identity, education, employment, household income, health insurance, and state in which the participant resides. Participants were also required to complete a 7-item, Likert scale survey, the Everyday Discrimination Scale Adapted for Medical Settings (DMS)

Results:

A total of 38 participants were included in the final analysis. Our analysis indicated that trans-individuals who had undergone gender-affirming surgery reported perceptions of discrimination when interacting with healthcare providers within the perioperative and intraoperative settings. Furthermore, individuals who transitioned from male-to-female reported higher incidences of perceptions of discrimination during interactions with healthcare providers.

Conclusion: Negative patient- provider interactions could have detrimental consequences with regard to the health outcomes of trans-individuals, and may also contribute to dissatisfaction with care, further mistrust of healthcare systems, and avoidance of seeking necessary care in the future. Our findings warrant further exploration pertaining to the transgender individuals' perspective and feedback regarding their healthcare experiences in order to improve and promote inclusive patient-centered care in the perioperative and intraoperative healthcare settings.

Comment Summary

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1. Consider quantifying a bit - over 80% reported.....this will help readers understand the significance/impact of the results

Were there themes of discriminatory interactions that you can report?