



Canada Health Infoway

Sex and Gender Working Group

Monthly Tuesday Zoom Meeting
January 25, 2022 at 9am PT / 12pm ET

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2. Purpose of Infoway Sex and Gender Working Group
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Welcome and Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge that the land on which we are hosting this meeting – the land that sustains us – includes the ancestral territories of many First Peoples. Canada Health Infoway recognizes the colonial injustices experienced by Indigenous Peoples, many of which continue today and continue to affect their health and well-being. I invite all attendees to reflect on the privilege they have of living, working and playing in the territory from which you are joining this call, and invite you to commit yourself with me to having an open heart and an open mind; to forging culturally safe spaces for and relationships with Indigenous People including Two-Spirit people in Canadian health care; and in making a meaningful contribution to reconciliation through our shared work.

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Purpose

The Sex and Gender Working Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9am PT/12pm ET. Our next meeting is February 22, 2022.

Bring your knowledge and experience to this working group to develop an implementation strategy to modernize sex and gender information practices in EHR systems in Canada. In this WG we will:

- Examine expanded definition, collection, use and sharing of sex-gender info in EHRs
- Discuss current research, practices, gaps and challenges
- Work to operationalize the Action Plan

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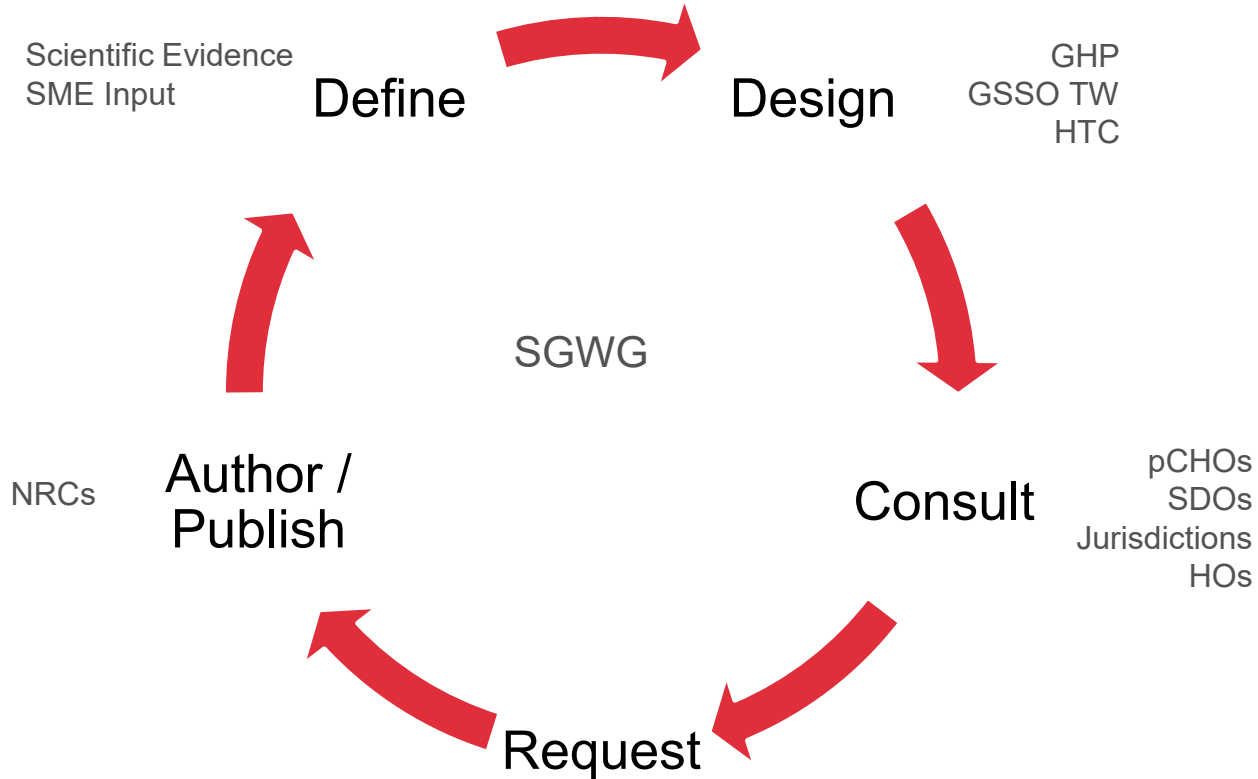
Infoway Sex-Gender WG

- Purpose: to modernize gender, sex and sexual orientation information practices in Canada.
 - Co-chairs include Francis Lau, Nathan Lachowsky, Kelly Davison and Karen Courtney.
- Infoway as convener / collaborator / facilitator.
- Ongoing since 2019.
- Meeting held once per month on fourth Tuesday.
- Finalized proposed Action Plan in early 2021. Summary document has been translated.
 - Seven aims, including terminology modernization, research and best practices.
- Specified harmonized GSSO terminology requirements in June, 2021.
- Work on other Action Plan aims continues.
- GSSO Terminology Workstream established in late 2021.

GSSO Terminology Workstream

- Purpose: to modernize gender, sex and sexual orientation concepts in health terminology standards.
 - Nova Scotia Health and BC Providing resources to complete work via a weekly meeting.
 - Belgium, international and national SMEs, and HIS/terminology specialists.
 - Modernization work is ongoing and cyclical.
- Infoway as convener / collaborator / facilitator.
- Have prioritized requirements (i.e. Gender Identity concepts) common to Canadian context and Gender Harmony Model.
- Meeting held once per month on third Wednesday.
- Work is carried out by Kelly + PT resources in weekly meetings.
- Feedback and progress reporting to SGWG, GSSO TWS, GHP and HTC as appropriate.

Conceptual Process: GSSO Terminology Modernization



Selected Research Publications

1. [An environmental scan of sex and gender in electronic health records: analysis of public information sources](#)
2. [A rapid review of gender, sex, and sexual orientation documentation in electronic health records](#)
3. [Transphobia, encoded: an examination of trans-specific terminology in SNOMED CT and ICD-10-CM](#)
4. [Culturally competent gender, sex, and sexual orientation information practices and electronic health records: rapid review](#)
5. [Toward an inclusive digital health system for sexual and gender minorities in Canada](#)
6. [Gender harmony: improved standards to support affirmative care of gender-marginalized people through inclusive gender and sex representation](#)
7. [Transgender data collection in the electronic health record: Current concepts and issues](#)
8. [HL7 International informative document: Gender Harmony Model – Release 1](#)
9. [A proposed action plan to modernize GSSO information practices in Canadian EHRs](#)

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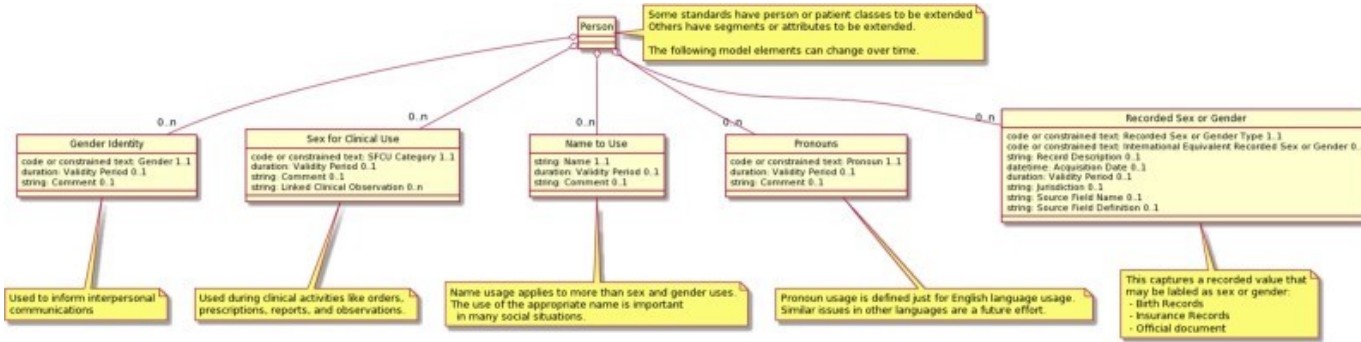
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Objectives

This group was established in October of 2021 with the following primary objectives:

1. Support inclusive health care through the definition, specification and authoring of artefacts (i.e. concepts, subsets) as actions related to the realization the Action Plan.
2. Facilitate local, national, international and domain-specific reviews by governing bodies to socialize artefacts as pan-Canadian or international standards (i.e. governance).
3. Provide a forum for transdisciplinary and multisectoral collaboration on GSSO related standards that can be implemented nationally and internationally.
4. Advocate for structural and terminological changes that support equity for sex and gender minorities through inclusive primary (bedside care) and secondary (analytics and research) information practices.

Person



Gender Identity

76691-5

Sex for Clinical Use

⚠️ 99501-9

Name to Use

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Pronouns

90778-2

Recorded Sex or Gender

⚠️ 99502-7



Diagram Source: McClure RC, Macumber CL, Kronk C, et al. *Gender harmony: improved standards to support affirmative care of gender-marginalized people through inclusive gender and sex representation* [published correction appears in J Am Med Inform Assoc. 2021 Nov 25]. J Am Med Inform Assoc. 2022;29(2):354-363. doi:10.1093/jamia/ocab196

Next Steps / Plan for 2022

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1. Address questions about name to use (messaging experts)
2. GI concepts release + incorporation into GHP 2.0
3. RFCs:
 - Currently under senior review
 - Disposition = promotion (except 2S)
 - Modernization of existing concepts
 - Gender Identity concepts; Sex and Sexual Orientation
4. Continue to support Canadian jurisdictions with implementation

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Session	Infoway SGWG Meetings - 4 th Tuesday Each Month
Jan 25	<i>Kelly Davison, Infoway</i> – Recap and Looking Ahead and Next Steps
Feb 22	<i>Dr. William Clifford, BC Ministry of Health</i> – BC Gender and Sex HIS Standard
Mar 22	<i>TBD</i>
Apr 26	<i>TBD</i>
May 24	<i>TBD</i>
Jun 28	<i>TBD</i>
Jul 26	<i>TBD</i>
Aug 23	<i>TBD</i>
Sep 27	<i>TBD</i>
Oct 25	<i>TBD</i>
Nov 22	<i>TBD</i>
Dec 27	<i>No meeting – Holidays</i>

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