

LGBTQIA+ terminology

LGBTQIA+= Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, intersex, Asexual, plus

L= Lesbian- Women who are attracted to women.

G= Gay- A person who is attracted to someone of the same gender, often men who are attracted to men.

MSM= men who have sex with men, is an often used diagnostic medical model acronym. These men may not identify as Gay.

B= Bisexual- Someone who is attracted to two or more genders.

T= Transgender (also referred to as Trans)- People whose assigned gender at birth is incongruent to their identity.

*Transsexual can be considered medical and pathologizing...AND for some people it is the language that they use. Wait and listen to how a person refers to self rather than assigning...that's what got us into this to begin with (get it, assigned gender...).

Q=Queer- Not heterosexual

I= Intersex- Someone born with genitals that do not fit the boxes of "female" or "male." May be medically deemed of "ambiguous sex"

A= Asexual- someone without sexual attraction to others

+= Plus-inclusive to others on the spectrum not named.