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Name and Gender Intake FAQs

Information for parents

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Q: WHY AM I BEING ASKED ABOUT MY/ MY CHILD'S GENDER IDENTITY?

Every patient has unique health needs. Learning about identity will help us to deliver appropriate health services and culturally-sensitive care to all of our patients.

Q: WHAT IS GENDER IDENTITY?

Gender identity is a person's inner sense of their gender. For example, a person may think of themselves as male, as female, as a combination of male and female or as another gender.

Q: WHAT DOES TRANSGENDER MEAN?

Transgender people have a gender identity that is not the same as their sex assigned at birth.

- **Transgender male** describes someone assigned female at birth who has a male gender identity.
- **Transgender female** describes someone assigned male at birth who has a female gender identity.
- **Nonbinary** describes someone who has a gender identity that is neither male nor female, or is a combination of male and female.

Q: HOW DO I CHOOSE THE CORRECT INFORMATION?

There are no right or wrong answers. If you don't find an answer that fits, you can choose "Something else" or "Other," or you can talk with your/your child's provider.

Q: WHO WILL SEE THIS INFORMATION?

Lurie Children's providers and staff will have access to this information, and it will become part of your/your child's medical record. The information is confidential and protected by law, just like all of your/your child's other health information.

Q: WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION?

You have the option to check the box "Choose not to disclose." Later, your/your child's provider may ask these questions privately during the visit. You can choose whether to share this information at that point, and/or you can ask more questions.

Q: HOW WILL THIS INFORMATION BE USED?

Lurie Children's providers and staff will use this information to help meet your/your child's healthcare needs. In addition, gathering this information from all patients allows our medical center to see if there are gaps in care or services across different populations. Learning this tells us if we need to improve the care we give to our patients.