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Examples of LGBTQ health care concerns:

- Fear of poor quality treatment or refusal of treatment
- Patient is assumed to be straight/heterosexual
- For women in relationships with other women: enduring contraception lectures
- For men who have sex with men: health care providers interpreting every symptom in terms of HIV or STIs
- Invisibility of partners
- Legal concerns about health care decision-making and hospital visitation
- Rights of the non biological parent—legal concerns/issues
- Coming out concerns—determining if it is safe to disclose one's sexuality or gender identity in a health care setting



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