

Experiences of patients with disabilities and sexual or gender minority status during healthcare interactions

Abstract

This study looked at how LGBTQ+ people (which means people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer) with disabilities feel when they go to the doctor or other healthcare providers. LGBTQ+ people with disabilities were asked about these things in national survey of over 2,000 people in 2019.

Here's what was found:

1. Most LGBTQ+ people with disabilities didn't talk about their gender or sexual identity with their healthcare providers, and some never did.
2. Many LGBTQ+ people with disabilities had bad experiences, like feeling scared or not being listened to.

So, this study tells us that LGBTQ+ people with disabilities often have tough times talking about their gender, sexuality, or disability with doctors. We need to understand why this happens and how to make healthcare better for LGBTQ+ people with disabilities.

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