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## BRIEF COMMUNICATION

### The Transgender Phenomenon and its Effect on the Practice of Anatomic Pathology: A Futuristic Perspective

*Le phénomène des transgenres et ses effets sur la pratique de la pathologie anatomique:  
Une perspective futuriste*

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#### INTRODUCTION OF THE ‘TRANSGENDER PHENOMENON’

“Dave King and Richard Ekins are the leading world sociologists in the field of transgender research. They have put together a brilliant synthesis of history, case studies, ideas and positions as they have emerged over the past thirty years, and bring together a rich and grounded account of this field, providing a state of the art of critical concepts and ideas in this field further during the twenty first century.”<sup>1</sup> Based on two decades of fieldwork, life history work, qualitative analysis, archival work and contact with several thousand cross-dressers and sex-changers around the world, these researchers have distinguished a number of contemporary Transgendering ‘stories’.

‘The assignment of an individual as being of the male or female sex is most often based on the phenotypic appearance of the external genitalia at birth, which is largely determined by the chromosomal type (most commonly 46,XX or 46,XY). Gender identity, however, is an individual’s perceived or experienced gender, which may or may not be the same as one’s sex assigned at birth. The concept of gender identity includes gradations of masculinity to femininity and maleness to femaleness, as well as identification of some individuals as having nonbinary gender, which means being essentially neither male nor female, or a combination of both. Gender nonconformity is behavioral variation in gender expression (e.g., clothing, mannerisms, accessories, and hairstyles) from cultural and societal norms expected for that gender. Sexual orientation is defined as the physical and emotional attraction of an individual to same-sex people (lesbian or gay; homosexual), both same-sex and opposite-sex people (bisexual), or opposite-sex people (heterosexual).<sup>2</sup> Transgender is an all-inclusive term that may include all individuals whose gender identity or expression does not align with their assigned birth sex and/or those whose gender identity is outside of the binary male/female classification’.<sup>2</sup> WAJM 2021; 38(2): 185–188.

#### L’INTRODUCTION DU “PHÉNOMÈNE TRANSSEXUEL”

“Dave King et Richard Ekins sont les principaux sociologues mondiaux dans le domaine de la recherche sur les transgenres. Ils ont réalisé une brillante synthèse de l’histoire, des études de cas, des idées et des positions telles qu’elles ont émergé au cours des trente dernières années, et ont rassemblé un compte rendu riche et fondé de ce domaine, fournissant un état de l’art des concepts et des idées critiques dans ce domaine au cours du vingt-et-unième siècle”.<sup>1</sup> Sur la base de deux décennies de travail sur le terrain, de travaux sur l’histoire de la vie, d’analyses qualitatives, de travaux d’archives et de contacts avec plusieurs milliers de travestis et de changeurs de sexe dans le monde, ces chercheurs ont distingué un certain nombre d’histoires contemporaines de transgenres.

La désignation d’un individu comme étant de sexe masculin ou féminin est le plus souvent basée sur l’apparence phénotypique des organes génitaux externes à la naissance, qui est largement déterminée par le type chromosomique (le plus souvent 46, XX ou 46, XY). L’identité de genre, cependant, est le genre perçu ou vécu d’un individu, qui peut ou non être le même que celui qui lui a été attribué à la naissance. Le concept d’identité de genre comprend des gradations de la masculinité à la féminité et de la masculinité à la féminité, ainsi que l’identification de certains individus comme ayant un genre non binaire, c’est-à-dire n’étant essentiellement ni homme ni femme, ou une combinaison des deux. La non-conformité de genre est une variation comportementale dans l’expression du genre (par exemple, vêtements, maniéristes, accessoires et coiffures) par rapport aux normes culturelles et sociétales attendues pour ce genre. L’orientation sexuelle est définie comme l’attraction physique et émotionnelle d’un individu envers les personnes du même sexe (lesbiennes ou gays ; homosexuels), les personnes du même sexe et de sexe opposé (bisexuels) ou les personnes de sexe opposé (hétérosexuels).<sup>2</sup>

Le terme “transgenre” est un terme global qui peut inclure tous les individus dont l’identité ou l’expression de genre ne correspond pas au sexe de naissance qui leur a été attribué et/ou ceux dont l’identité de genre est en dehors de la classification binaire homme/femme”.<sup>2</sup> WAJM 2021; 38(2): 185–188.

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