

TRANS HEALTHCARE

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OK! SO...
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UNDERSTAND
HOW TRANS
& GNC
INDIVIDUALS
navigate
HEALTH
CARE
AND WHAT
FACTORS PLAY
INTO OR
DETERMINE
ACCESSIBILITY
REGARDING
IT?



THESIS: Using directed storytelling, I have charted the medical and social journeys of several transgender individuals in the New York, Bay Area, and Toronto area in order to educate transgender youth on intercommunal struggles, and to bring possible insight to people not belonging to our community.

Process:



I was thrilled because coming from San Francisco I appreciated people from other backgrounds. I returned to San Francisco district high school and the education was not nearly as good as in Boston, Massachusetts. I started City College of San Francisco and I was there. I became pregnant with your mother when I was 17, a week after she was born, carrying your mother with me to school. My mother was very supportive. I continued on to San Francisco State University to study psychology. I was able to find free childcare for your mother. The cost of State was very low at the time. How's that? Do you need it?

Although women in the past have not been revered for their accomplishments, it is unsurprising that they are 48% more likely to have completed college than men. Even more so that all of the women that I spoke to at least


The first woman that I spoke to was as specific as she could in describing her experience.

How far back do you want me to go? I grew up knowing that getting a college education was important. I went to college to become a teacher, but I decided to pursue her opera career instead. She received a Masters in social work from San Francisco State and later a paralegal certification. In my mother's generation, college was highly valued. In my mother's generation, college was highly valued.

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TO: ALL NEW YORK STATE PHARMACIES
FROM: JAMES GIGLIO, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT
DATE: November, 2006
SUBJECT: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND OFFICIAL PRESCRIPTION PROGRAM UPDATE

Practitioner Confidential Notification Program

In an important new public health initiative, the Bureau will begin providing practitioners with a confidential drug utilization profile report (DUR) when an analysis of prescription data reveals that their patient has obtained controlled substances from five or more practitioners over a 30-day period. Public Health Law Section 3397(4) requires a person who obtains a prescription for a controlled substance from multiple practitioners to disclose this fact to each practitioner. The DUR will also include information on accessing drug rehabilitation treatment, should the practitioner deem it necessary for the patient.

The Official Prescription Program and Electronic Prescribing

The Bureau has received inquiries regarding the impact of the expanded Official Prescription Program on electronic prescribing. It is important for pharmacists to note that the new Public Health Law made no changes to the requirements for electronic prescribing. Under requirements established by the New York State Board of Pharmacy, prescriptions for non-controlled substances may continue to be electronically transmitted to the pharmacy, either:

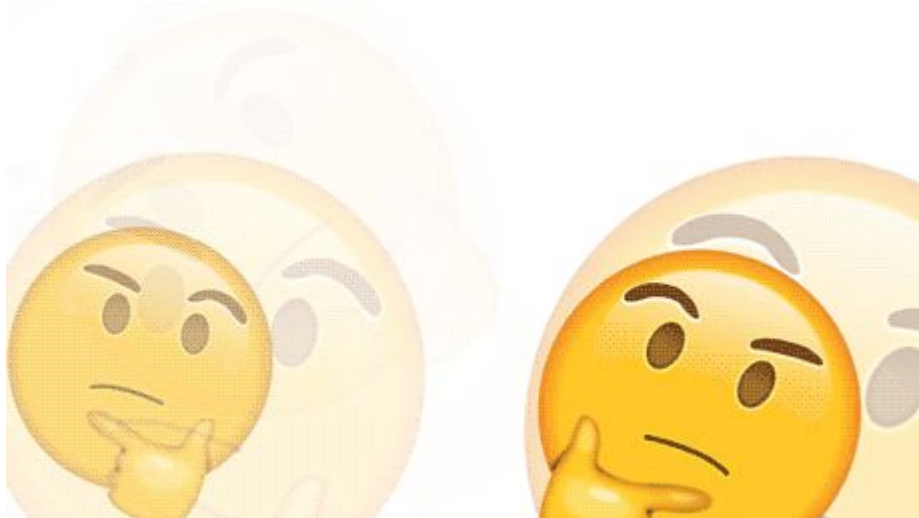
- from the practitioner's computer to the pharmacy's fax; or
- from the practitioner's computer to the pharmacy's computer.

Both transmissions are considered under the parameters of electronic prescribing, therefore an official prescription is not utilized and a serial number is not needed. It is also important to note that electronic prescribing of controlled substances is not yet permissible.

Scheduling of Anabolic Steroids

Anabolic steroids, including testosterone, are classified as Schedule II controlled substances in New York State. Prescriptions for schedule II controlled substances may not be refilled. Anabolic steroids are federally classified as Schedule III controlled substances. Manufacturers are required by the DEA to identify controlled substances on their container labels by denoting them as CII, CIII, CIV, and CV. However, these identifiers indicate only federal scheduling, not New York State scheduling.

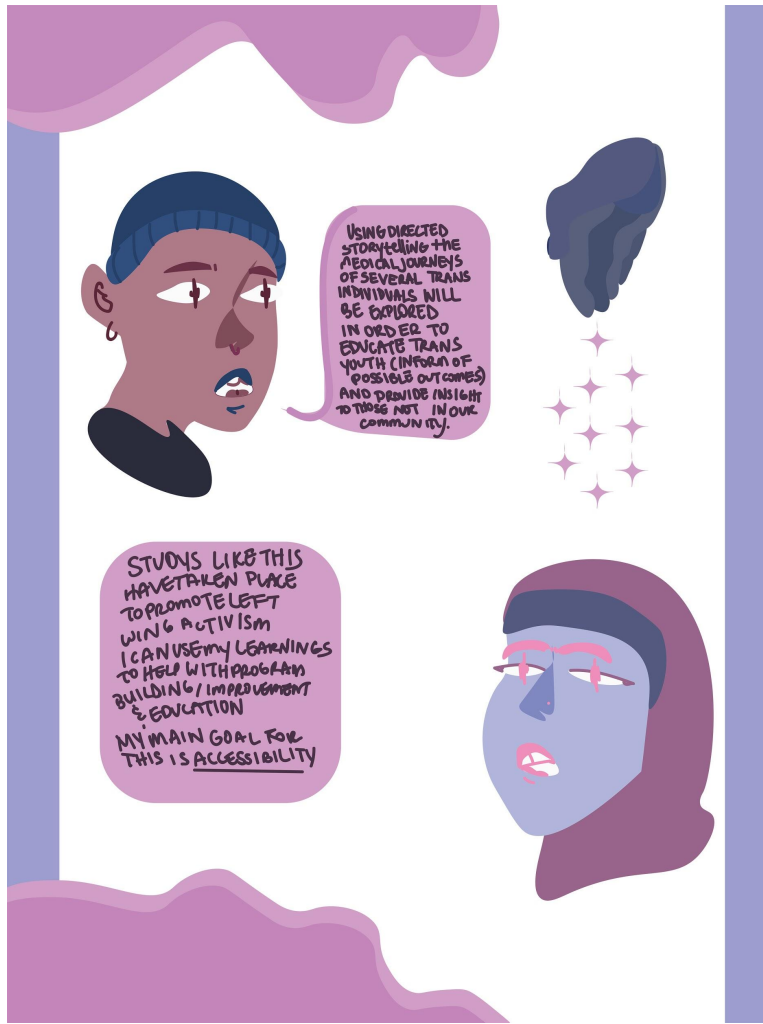
The controlled substance law and regulations may be viewed in their entirety online at: www.health.ny.gov/professional/narcotic. Pharmacists with questions about official prescriptions or controlled substances may contact the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement at (866) 811-7957 or online at: narcotic@health.state.ny.us.



Depending on your provider, state, and what kind of coverage you qualify for, surgeries to do with transition related needs may be considered cosmetic, recently I became aware, as I ventured through trans masculine and 'ftm' top surgery forums and online pages, that the reattachment of the nipple, or nipple grafting was considered cosmetic and therefore could potentially cost the patient thousands more on top of the chest reconstruction to receive. When talking to him he also told me of his difficulties regarding this matter, saying,

California up-to-date with the latest medical expertise and will provide countless transgender Californians with increased access to medically necessary health care.”⁶

Because of this, my transition on that coast has gone quite smooth, at least after I turned eighteen and my medical rights became my own responsibility and not that of my parent(s). This alleviation of stress regarding coverage is something not all people in position are afforded, speaking to someone I found out that their experience differed vastly from mine, especially considering that their transition took place along several different states on the east coast including New York and Georgia. He told me “...like the insurance company that claims it's one thing but they can't be thorough enough in their policies because they have no concept of the needs of this population.”⁷



As I said in My previous presentation my goal is to educate others and inspire change as well as expand my own understanding of the trans community.

Navigating healthcare systems as a gender non conforming individual can be taxing and dangerous, both physically and mentally. Hopefully when more people have a better understanding of what it's like to navigate through systems that aren't built for people under those particular circumstances better community can be created and support systems improved.

How do race, class, location and identity tie into access when navigating the medical world?



How might we understand how t/gnc navigate healthcare

Using directed storytelling the medical and social journeys of several transgender individuals in the New York area are explored in order to educate youth on our intercommunal struggles and bring possible insight to people not belonging to our community.

each story comes from a different perspective on these issues and can provide insight into the different levels of access that trans people are afforded

to not bridge the gap between cis and trans but to provide spaces for these issues to be adress

whether that be dependent on race, class, etc. or seemingly unimportant (circumstance reliant)

or atleast create a head-space for people who had not considered these to be realities





Education-> Accessibility->reduced prices-> make hormones not a controlled substance for transgender people->create better environment for all people!

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