



Sexual & Gender Minority Research Activities at NIH



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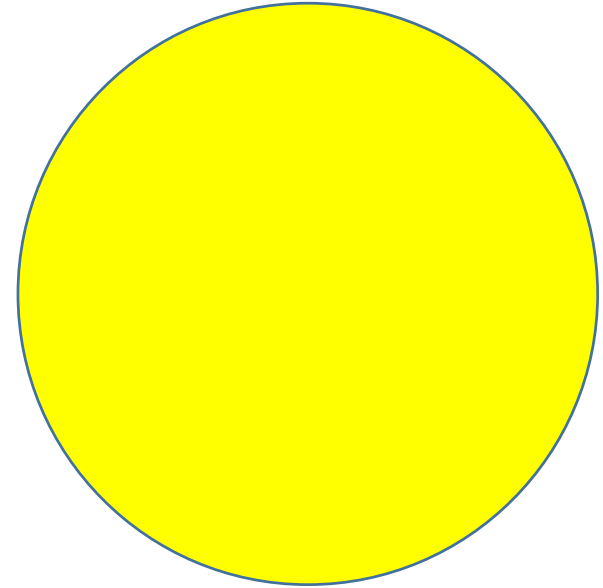


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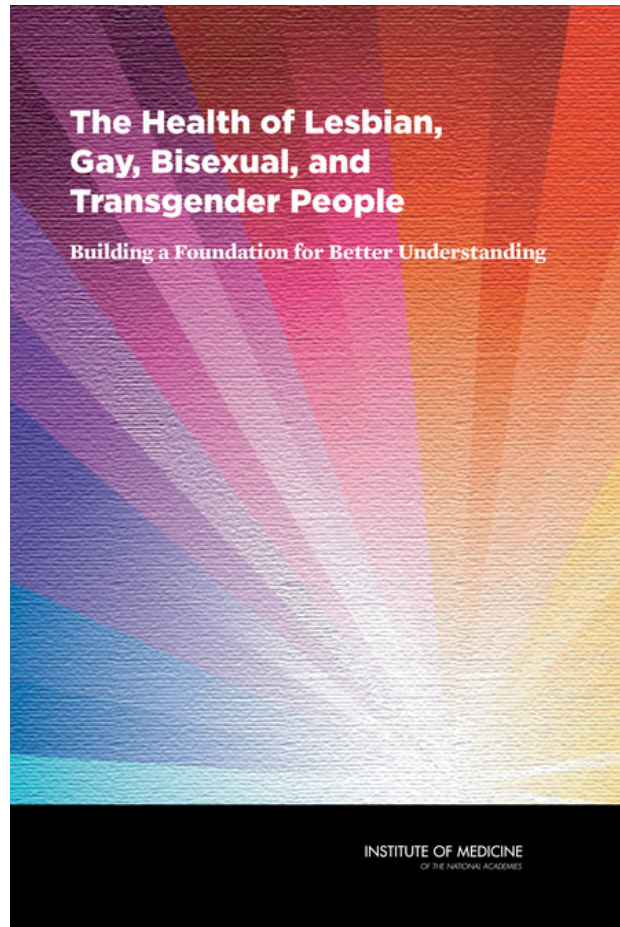
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- 21st Century Cures Act
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Background



The Health of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) People: Building a Foundation for Better Understanding



- Commissioned by NIH in 2009, published in 2011
- Response to a call for a state of the science report and information on existing NIH LGBT research portfolio
- Includes an extensive literature review of existing research on LGBT health
- First-ever comprehensive report on LGBT health

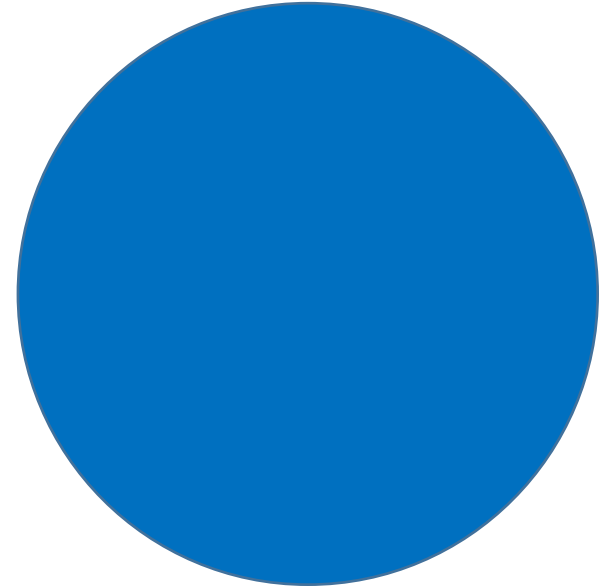


SGM Research Coordinating Committee

The NIH Sexual & Gender Minority Research Coordinating Committee provides a forum within NIH for discussing the diverse health research issues of SGM communities and serves as a catalyst for developing additional research and research training initiatives in this area.



Sexual & Gender Minority
Research Strategic Plan



NIH SGM Strategic Plan



Goal 1: Expand the Knowledge Base of SGM Health and Well-being Through NIH-Supported Research



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Goal 2: Remove Barriers to Planning, Conducting, and Reporting NIH-Supported Research about SGM Health and Well-being



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Goal 3: Strengthen the Community of Researchers and Scholars Who Conduct Research Relevant to SGM Health and Well-being

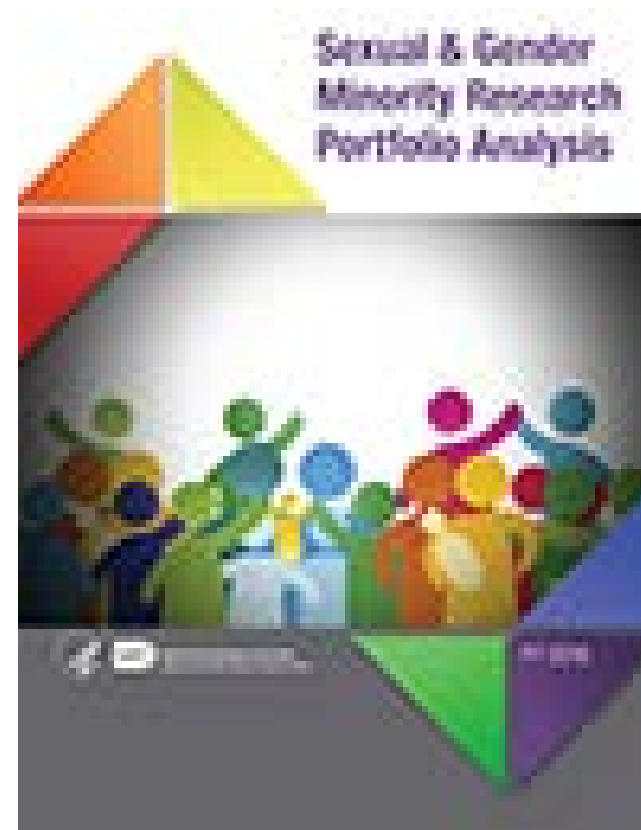
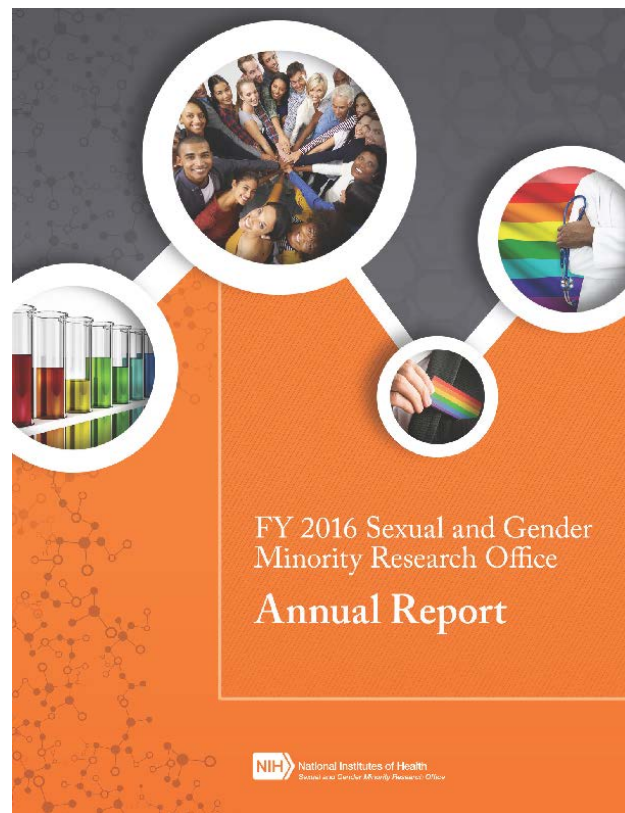


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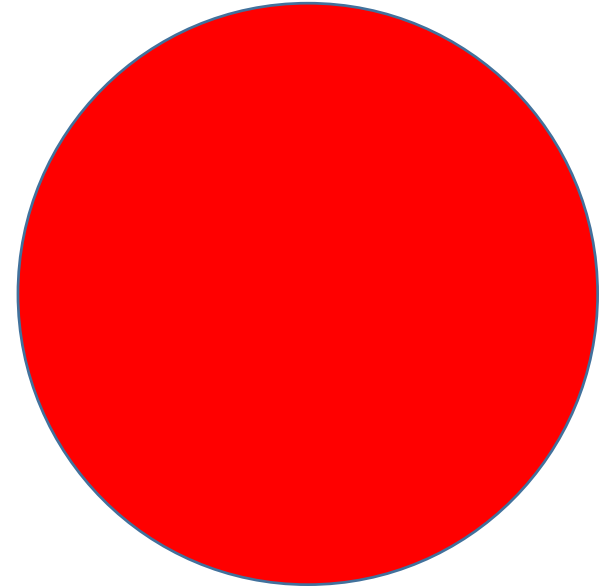


Goal 4: Evaluate Progress on Advancing SGM Research





Legislation



21st Century Cures Act

- Signed into law by President Barack Obama on December 13, 2016
- Passed with broad bipartisan support
- Made provisions focused on the FDA and NIH
- Contained SGM-specific provisions



Public Health Service Act

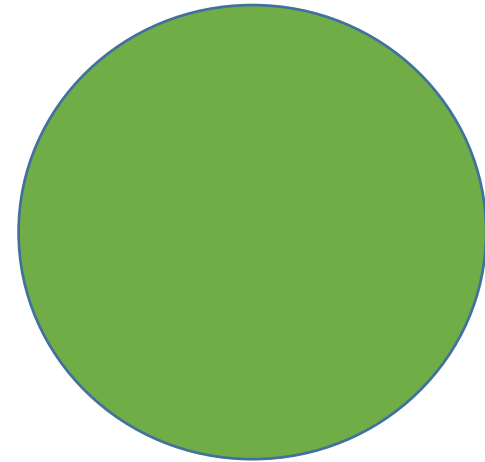
SEC. 404N. [283] POPULATION FOCUSED RESEARCH

The Director of the National Institutes of Health shall, as appropriate, encourage efforts to improve research related to the health of sexual and gender minority populations, including by:

- facilitating increased participation of sexual and gender minority populations in clinical research supported by the National Institutes of Health, and reporting on such participation, as applicable;
- facilitating the development of valid and reliable methods for research relevant to sexual and gender minority populations; and
- addressing methodological challenges.



FY 18 Initiatives



FY 2018

- Methods & Measurement Workshop (*April 3-4, 2018*)
- *Points to Consider in SGM Research* Document
- Regional SGM Research Seminar (in conjunction with Fenway Health)
- Investigator Awards in SGM Health Research
- Review of NIH SGM Research Strategic Plan



Questions?

