

Transgender Awareness Week and Day of Remembrance

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(Content Warning: (CW): Violence against Trans People)

This week, November 14-18, 2022, is **Transgender Awareness Week**. As part of this week, **Transgender Day of Remembrance** is observed on November 20th. This is an annual observance that honours the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) began in 1999 by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith as a vigil to honour the memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed in 1998.

Many gender diverse (e.g. transgender, two-spirit, genderqueer and nonbinary) people experience inequities in the health care system, linked to insufficient training and education for health care providers, as well as inadequate inclusive resources, services and supports. The whole cancer journey for a gender-diverse person needs to respond to the specific patient's needs.

CancerCare Manitoba strives to deliver equitable, high-quality care to all Manitobans. Increasing our collective knowledge and abilities to provide safe and inclusive care can have a profound impact on gender-diverse people's experiences.

The Sexuality Education Resource Centre will be hosting a Noon Service and a separate Candlelight Vigil this week for Trans* Day of Remembrance:

- **Noon service** - Friday, November 18, 2022, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. In-person: Knox United Church (Brandon). Livestream: [youtube.com/c/theknoxkonnexion](https://www.youtube.com/c/theknoxkonnexion) (/sites/default/About-Us/communications-and-public-affairs/news-archiv e/youtube.com/c/theknoxkonnexion)
- **Candlelight Vigil** - Saturday, November 19, 2022, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Virtual event – registration required, please email brandon@serc.mb.ca (mailto:brandon@serc.mb.ca) to register.

Cancer Resources for Trans and other gender diverse people:

The following is a list of resources with information for individuals to improve knowledge, understanding, and skills in meeting gender-diverse people's health and cancer care needs.

- CancerCare Manitoba Trans Screening Guidelines - <https://www.cancercare.mb.ca/screening/genderdiversity> (<https://www.cancercare.mb.ca/screening/genderdiversity>)
- Queering Cancer - <https://queeringcancer.ca/> (<https://queeringcancer.ca/>)
- Rainbow Health Ontario's LGBT2SQ Foundations Course (CME accredited) - <https://www.rainbowhealthontario.ca/education-training/> (<https://www.rainbowhealthontario.ca/education-training/>)
- Trans Health Clinic - <https://klinik.mb.ca/health-care/transgender-health-klinik/> (<https://klinik.mb.ca/health-care/transgender-health-klinik/>)