

# Intersex Healthcare and Advocacy Resources

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## “High-Yield” / Must Read Resources

### INFORMATIONAL WEBSITE

<http://4intersex.org/>

Amazing, comprehensive website with basic information, legal info, advice on how to be an ally, how to engage with policy, common arguments, info on how to advocate for intersex patients as a physician.

### ARTICLE

I Want to Be Like Nature Made Me

Medically Unnecessary Surgeries on Intersex Children in the US

<https://www.hrw.org/report/2017/07/25/i-want-be-nature-made-me/medically-unnecessary-surgeries-intersex-children-us>

## Research Articles

Unable to access an article? Reach out to us at [campus@medpride.org](mailto:campus@medpride.org)!

- Davis, Georgiann & Feder, Ellen & Liao, Lih-Mei & Baratz, Arlene & Karkazis, Katrina & Frader, Joel. (2016). **Normalizing Intersex. VOICES: Personal Stories from the Pages of NIB (Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics)**. 10.13140/RG.2.2.24391.70569.  
[https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Arlene\\_Baratz/publication/306255409\\_Normalizing\\_Intersex\\_VOICES\\_Personal\\_Stories\\_from\\_the\\_Pages\\_of\\_NIB\\_Narrative\\_Inquiry\\_in\\_Bioethics/links/57b4e48a08aeaab2a1039f4b/Normalizing-Intersex-VOICES-Personal-Stories-from-the-Pages-of-NIB-Narrative-Inquiry-in-Bioethics.pdf](https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Arlene_Baratz/publication/306255409_Normalizing_Intersex_VOICES_Personal_Stories_from_the_Pages_of_NIB_Narrative_Inquiry_in_Bioethics/links/57b4e48a08aeaab2a1039f4b/Normalizing-Intersex-VOICES-Personal-Stories-from-the-Pages-of-NIB-Narrative-Inquiry-in-Bioethics.pdf)
- Lee PA, Nordenstrom A, Houk CP, Ahmed SF, Auchus R, Baratz A, et al. **Global Disorders of Sex Development Update since 2006: Perceptions, Approach and Care.** Hormone research in paediatrics. 2016. doi: 10.1159/000442975. PubMed PMID: 26820577.
- Suegee Tamar-Mattis, Kristi E. Gamarel, Alena Kantor, Arlene Baratz, Anne Tamar-Mattis, and Don Operario. **Identifying and Counting Individuals with Differences of Sex Development Conditions in Population Health Research.** LGBT Health. Jul 2018. ahead of print <http://doi.org/10.1089/lgbt.2017.0180>

## Media

- **US: Harmful Surgery on Intersex Children Medically Unnecessary Operations Risk Lifelong Suffering**  
<https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/07/25/us-harmful-surgery-intersex-children>
- **The Trump administration says it wants to define sex ‘on a biological basis.’ It gets the science wrong.**

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2018/10/29/trump-administration-says-it-wants-define-sex-biological-basis-it-gets-science-wrong/?noredirect=on&utm\\_term=.341ecb7133a0](https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2018/10/29/trump-administration-says-it-wants-define-sex-biological-basis-it-gets-science-wrong/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.341ecb7133a0)

- **These Young Intersex People Want You to Know That They Exist**  
<https://www.teenvogue.com/story/these-young-intersex-people-want-you-to-know-that-they-exist>
- **'It's medically sanctioned violence and torture': Intersex patients call for end to genital surgeries on children**  
<https://www.chicagotribune.com/lifestyles/ct-life-intersex-surgeries-20181018-story.html>
- **A Changing Paradigm: US Medical Provider Discomfort with Intersex Care Practices**  
<https://www.hrw.org/report/2017/10/26/changing-paradigm/us-medical-provider-discomfort-intersex-care-practices>
- **Op-ed: What's in a Name: Intersex and Identity**  
<https://www.advocate.com/commentary/2014/05/14/op-ed-whats-name-intersex-and-identity>
- **Intersex, and Erased Again: Where does the Trump administration's broadside against transgender rights leave people like me?**  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/23/opinion/trump-transgender-memo-intersex.html>
- **Why Sex Is Not Binary. The complexity is more than cultural. It's biological, too.**  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/25/opinion/sex-biology-binary.html>
- **This Woman Only Discovered She Was Intersex After Watching A Viral Video About It**  
[https://www.buzzfeed.com/patrickstrudwick/this-woman-only-discovered-she-was-intersex-after-watching?utm\\_term=.qwb2PZmEPV#.qwb2PZmEPV](https://www.buzzfeed.com/patrickstrudwick/this-woman-only-discovered-she-was-intersex-after-watching?utm_term=.qwb2PZmEPV#.qwb2PZmEPV)
- **The Government Has Admitted It Doesn't Know How Many Intersex Children Are Being Operated On**  
[https://www.buzzfeed.com/patrickstrudwick/how-many-intersex-children-being-operated-on?utm\\_term=.jkx3p8kjp#.jkx3p8kjp](https://www.buzzfeed.com/patrickstrudwick/how-many-intersex-children-being-operated-on?utm_term=.jkx3p8kjp#.jkx3p8kjp)

## Literature

- **Raising Rosie: Our Story of Parenting an Intersex Child**  
<https://www.jkp.com/uk/raising-rosie-1.html>
- **The Remedy: Queer and Trans Voice in Health and Health Care**  
Excerpt from Sean Saifa Wall (117-119); <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/589214>
- **Bodies in Doubt: An American History of Intersex**  
<https://www.amazon.com/Bodies-Doubt-American-History-Intersex/dp/1421405830>
- **Contesting Intersex: The Dubious Diagnosis**  
[https://www.amazon.com/Contesting-Intersex-Dubious-Diagnosis-Biopolitics/dp/1479887048/ref=pd\\_lpo\\_sbs\\_14\\_t\\_0?encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=5BXZFGBR6P8YAM4ZF0QZ](https://www.amazon.com/Contesting-Intersex-Dubious-Diagnosis-Biopolitics/dp/1479887048/ref=pd_lpo_sbs_14_t_0?encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=5BXZFGBR6P8YAM4ZF0QZ)

## Informational Videos & Documentaries

- **What it's like to be intersex;** BuzzFeed  
<https://www.buzzfeed.com/lizzwarner/what-its-like-to-be-intersex>
- **Intersex is Awesome,** TED talk from intersex child and mother  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kRzbVxQVJWA>
- **The Way We Think About Biological Sex is Wrong,** Emily Quinn TED Talk  
[https://www.ted.com/talks/emily\\_quinn\\_the\\_way\\_we\\_think\\_about\\_biological\\_sex\\_is\\_wrong](https://www.ted.com/talks/emily_quinn_the_way_we_think_about_biological_sex_is_wrong)
- **What It's Like to Be Intersex,** Pidgeon Pagonis  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cAUDKEI4QKI>
- **A Normal Girl,** Pidgeon Pagonis  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RHzHIDvH7Uk>
- Human Rights Watch and interACT Intersex Feature Video (English Subtitles)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c6JFw\\_gD97I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c6JFw_gD97I)
- **Normal Girl:** <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt9822504/>

## Organizations

### InterACT

<https://interactadvocates.org/>

### Intersex Justice Project

<http://www.intersexjusticeproject.org/>

## Teaching Material

### Teaching Intersex Issues: A Guide for Teachers in Women's, Gender and Queer Studies

<http://isna.org/pdf/teaching-intersex-web.pdf>

### Resources at 4intersex.org

<http://4intersex.org/>

- **For Doctors:** <http://4intersex.org/#doctors>
- **Intersex Ally Dos and Don'ts:** <http://4intersex.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/4intersex-Ally-Dos-and-Donts.pdf>