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A systematic review of activist literature

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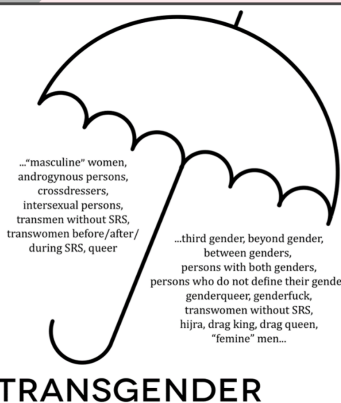
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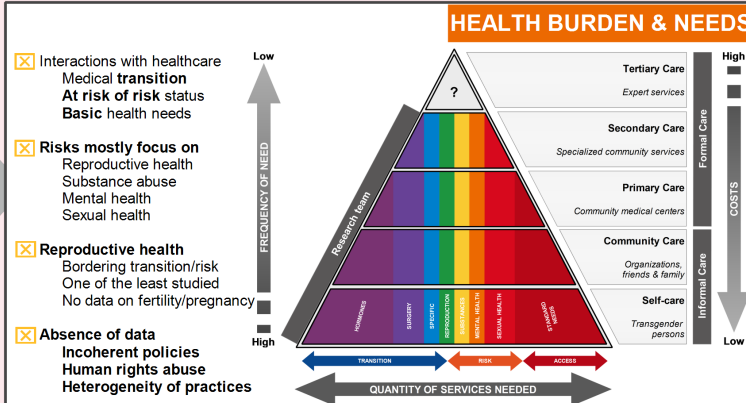


INTRODUCTION

- ☒ **Transgender population**
Heterogeneous
 Growing in **visibility**
 Growing in **numbers**
 up to 4.5% of adults
 up to 8.4% of children and adolescents
- ☒ **Facing**
Violence and social marginalization
Discriminations in health care
- ☒ **Largely excluded from**
Health care organization
Policy-making
Research
- ☒ **Placing them in a paradox**
 Impact of **heteronormative binarity** on reproductive functions
Distrust in the medical system



TRANSGENDER



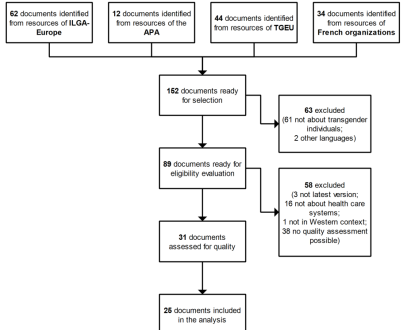
METHODS

SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

Population: reports from French local and European organizations
 Europe: ILGA-Europe (and specific documents from the APA); Transgender Europe
 France: Acceptess-T; Association Nationale Transgenre; Chrysalide; Clar-T; C'est Pas Mon Genre; Divergence; En-Trans; Espace Santé Trans; Ouest Trans; OUTrans; Réseau de Santé Trans; RITA; T-Time; Trans 3.0; TRANS INTER action; Trans Posé.e.s

Inclusion criteria
 Written in French or English
 Latest versions of documents
 In Western context
 Focusing on health care systems
 Available for quality evaluation

Quality evaluation
 UN's Quality Checklist for Evaluation Reports



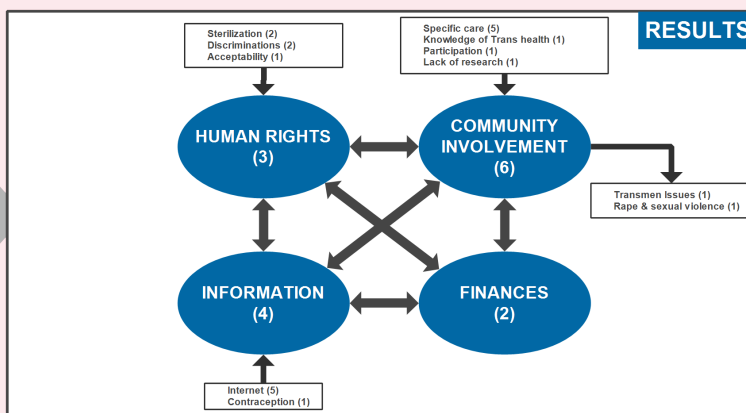
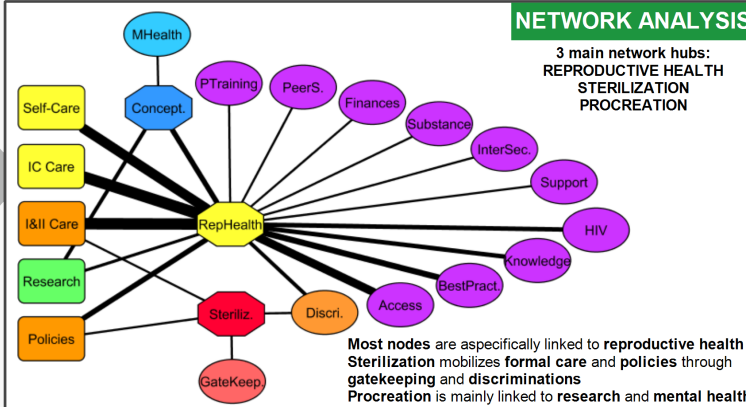
THEMATIC ANALYSIS

Extraction of data-points
 Multi-coding by 2 researchers, including a transgender expert by experience
 Synthesis of codes into **THEMES**
 Publication of the thematic synthesis



QUALITATIVE CODE EXTRACTION

Extractions of codes related to **STD PREVENTION** and **SEXUAL HEALTH**
 Network analysis of **codes' co-occurrences**
 Qualitative analysis of codes to produce new and more detailed **THEMES**



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CONCLUSIONS

- ☒ Transgender individuals face systemic barriers regarding reproductive rights
- ☒ Lack of data is the main result from this study and illustrates insufficient research and documentations of field practices and experimentations
- ☒ Knowledge and guidelines need to be constructed in close collaboration or under the supervision of transgender individuals and organizations
- ☒ Forced sterilizations should be understood as a collaborative action from both inhuman and discriminatory formal care systems and policies
- ☒ Reproductive health is mostly addressed through condom contraception as part of HIV prevention
- ☒ As a result, even less data is available to transgender individuals whose sexuality falls outside of heteronormative norms
- ☒ This is especially relevant for gay transmen who face uncertainty towards STD prevention, contraception, fertility and pregnancy