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## A systematic review of activist literature

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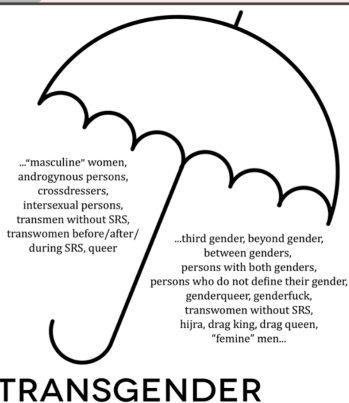
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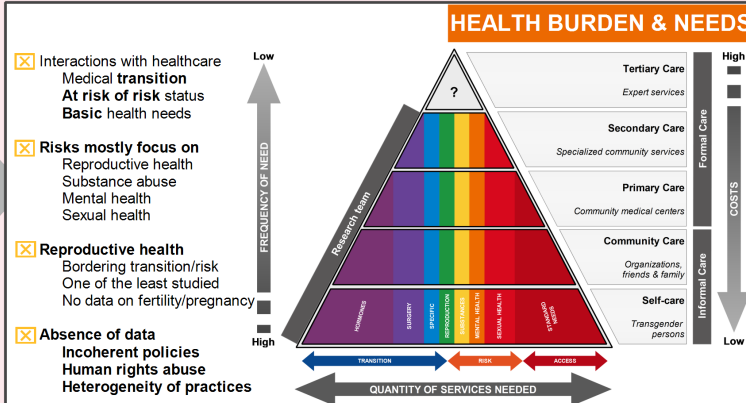


### INTRODUCTION

- ☒ **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



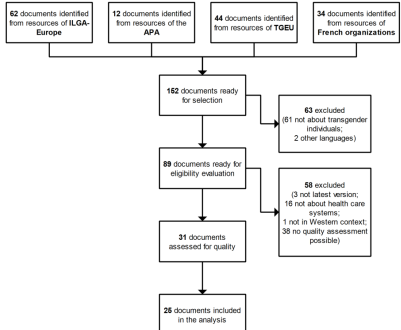
### METHODS

#### 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

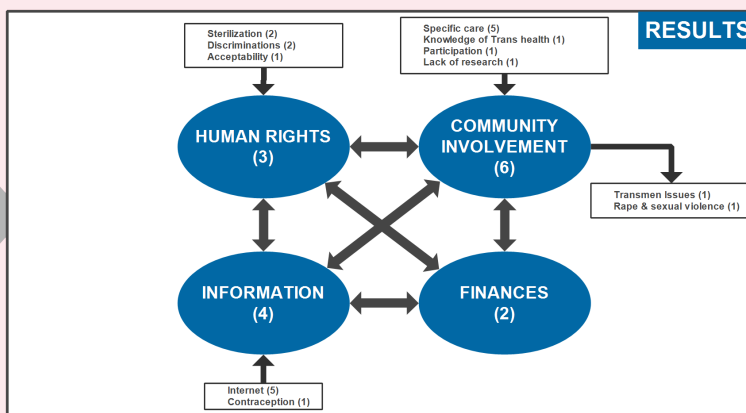
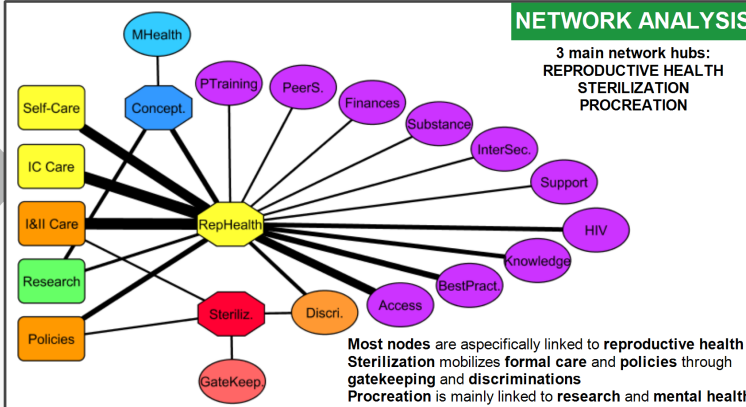
Extraction of data-points  
 Multi-coding by 2 researchers, including a transgender expert by experience  
 Synthesis of codes into **THEMES**  
 Publication of the thematic synthesis

3,047 DATA POINTS      62 CODES      16 THEMES

#### 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**

47 DATA POINTS      15 CODES      4 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