



WORKSHOP CONTENT

This workshop is based on an interactive, arts-based learning model.

Participants will watch a short forum theatre presentation based on the experiences of LGBT people who participated in the *Creating Our Families* research study. In forum theatre, after the initial showing of a play, audience members are given the opportunity to insert themselves into the play, taking on the role of one of the characters, in order to change, add, or improve what is going on in a scene.

Following the interactive forum theatre component, there will be a question and answer period and the presenters will share the findings of the *Creating Our Families* study.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This workshop is open to all fertility clinic staff, including clinic managers, doctors, nurses, administrative staff, counselors, ultrasound technicians, laboratory staff and others.

CanMEDS roles that are covered within this program include:

- Medical Expert
- Communicator
- Collaborator
- Manager
- Health Advocate
- Professional

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LEARNING ABOUT RESEARCH THROUGH THEATRE

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANS
PEOPLE USING ASSISTED HUMAN
REPRODUCTION SERVICES

A CME-Accredited workshop
(Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society)



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LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND TRANSEXUAL (LGBT) PEOPLE AND ASSISTED HUMAN REPRODUCTION (AHR) SERVICES

Many lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and transsexual (LGBT) people choose to parent. However, the majority of them must rely on outside assistance to create their families, including use of assisted human reproduction (AHR) services. As a result, LGBT people make up a significant proportion of AHR service users in Ontario.

LGBT people have been identified at the provincial level as a priority group in need of increased access to AHR services. In 2008, an expert panel convened by the Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services examined the barriers to accessing fertility services in Ontario and specifically recommended the removal of social barriers to AHR for LGBT people. Additionally, the Assisted Human Reproduction Act (AHR Act) includes a non-discrimination clause barring discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The purpose of this workshop is to share LGBT people's experiences with AHR services with AHR service providers, to ultimately improve access to AHR services and the AHR service experiences of LGBT people in Ontario.

You will learn about LGBT people's experiences with AHR services through an interactive workshop based on 40 interviews with LGBT individuals and couples from across Ontario who have avoided, thought about, are currently using, or who have recently used AHR services to have children.

This workshop has been designed and developed with the input of an advisory committee of AHR service providers and LGBT people who have used AHR services.

This workshop is based on the results of the CIHR-funded research study, *Creating Our Families: A pilot study of the experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT) people accessing Assisted Human Reproduction services in Ontario*. For more information about this study, please visit www.lgbtqhealth.ca

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. To learn about the results of a recent CIHR-funded study examining LGBT people's experiences using AHR services in Ontario;
2. To understand common barriers experienced by LGBT people using AHR services in Ontario;
3. To practice strategies for providing culturally-competent care to LGBT people;
4. To identify institutional and/or organizational barriers that need to change to ensure accessibility to AHR services for LGBT people.

