



Maine Medical Center

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Scenario #1

You are called to interpret for a Pediatric provider. Since the child is 15 years old, the provider asks the patient to step out of the room for a moment. The provider asks you to remain in the room to interpret as needed for the child who speaks a good deal of English but doesn't understand some phrases sometimes. While the parent is out of the room, the child explains to the provider that they're feeling attracted people of both genders and they like the word "pansexual" to describe themselves. The provider asks if that's something that they feel comfortable sharing with their parent, and the kid says that it's Ok. When the parent returns, together they tell the parent that the child is questioning their sexual orientation and thinks that they are pansexual. The parent becomes upset and demands that the doctor prescribe medication to cure their son and make him act like a man.



Scenario #2

The patient is a transgender male in their early 20s. They tell the provider that they feel very alone and abandoned by all their family and community members.

They state that two nights ago they walked around town all night long because they didn't have a friend's couch to sleep on. They state that they don't want to go to the shelter because there are so many community members staying there. Everyone there is so nosy with all their questions and opinions.

Scenario #3

The provider is asking the screening questions on the SOGI tool during a pediatric visit. The parent becomes upset and asks why they are asking all these questions. Does their child look like they're funny like that? The parent says, "You'll put ideas in my child's head, asking all these questions. I'm not going to answer."

