still black....

MEET THE PRESENTERS

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Black:
of or relating to any of various population groups having dark pigmentation of the skin black Americans

2: **DIRTY, SOILED** hands black with grime
2a: characterized by the absence of light a black night
2b: reflecting or transmitting little or no light black water

3a **old-fashioned + literary**: thoroughly sinister or evil:
**WICKED** When the King heard of this black deed, in his grief and rage he denounced relentless war against his Barons ...
— Charles Dickens
3b: indicative of condemnation or discredit got a black mark for being late
3c: **HEAVY, SERIOUS** the play was a black intrigue

4: connected with or invoking the supernatural and especially the devil black magic; the black arts
4a: very sad, gloomy, or calamitous black despair

5: characterized by hostility or angry discontent:
**SULLEN** black resentment filled his heart
5a: distorted or darkened by anger his face was black with rage

(https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/black)
DEMONIZATION OF BLACKNESS
blackness in healthcare

= TRAUMA

(historical and present day)
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
Black people are disproportionately affected by COVID-19. Death rates are twice as high than non-black individuals. Black people were also denied care throughout the crisis due to medical stigma and bias.

HENRIETTA LACKS
A Black woman whose tissue samples and cells were taken and distributed/used throughout decades without consent in the name of biological research.

MODERN DAY GYNECOLOGY
Enslaved Black women were used as test subjects to develop modern day gynecological procedures. These women were operated on without any type of anesthesia because, black women were perceived not to feel any physical pain.

BLACK PEOPLE LIVING WITH BIPOLAR, PTSD, DEPRESSION, SCHIZOPHRENIA, BPD, LIVES MATTER!

BLACK MENTAL HEALTH
Black people constantly are told that they’re unable to feel pain or their experiences aren’t valid. Black people are told that their feelings are acts of imagination and calls for attention.

TUSKEEgee EXPERIMENTS
Black sharecroppers were recruited to be test subjects in a research study around syphilis. They were given placebos and some were given the disease itself to see if it could be fought off. Many died, went blind and or had other complications... courtesy of the DPH

HIV/AIDS
Blacks/African Americans account for a higher proportion of new HIV diagnoses and people with living with AIDS, compared to other races/ethnicities. However, what’s rarely spoken about is the racism and access to care that created bigger hurdles for black people in the beginning of the epidemic even to now.
Transman
Transmasculine
FTM
Man of Trans Experience
Boi
Gender is assigned by a medical professional based on genitalia

Sexual Orientation is based on attraction (sexual, emotional, and romantic)

Both aren’t the same!
Check your Ignorance

• Not all Trans-masculine people are gay identified
• Trans-masculine individuals can be intersex
• Not all Trans-masculine individuals choose to physically transition
• Trans-masculine people can be, and do participate in sex work and or are trafficked
• Some Trans-masculine people have functioning penises
• Trans-masculine people can have children naturally
• Trans-masculine people can be MSM
• Trans-masculine people can be feminine
Certain behaviors and socioeconomic factors can affect outcomes, such as having multiple sex partners, anal or vaginal/bonus hole sex without protection (like a condom or PrEP/PEP) and sharing needles or syringes to inject hormones or drugs.

Additional factors include commercial sex work, mental health issues, incarceration, homelessness, unemployment, and high levels of substance misuse compared to the general population.
According to a 2017 study, most existing interventions target behavior change among transgender women, with only one HIV prevention program evaluated for transgender men. Evidence-based multilevel interventions that address the structural, biomedical, and behavioral risks for HIV among transgender populations, including transgender men, are needed to address disparities in HIV prevalence.
Many transgender people face stigma, discrimination, social rejection, and exclusion that prevent them from fully participating in society, including accessing health care, education, employment, and housing, as well as violence and lack of family support. These factors affect the health and well-being of transgender people, placing them at increased risk for HIV.
Transgender men might not be sufficiently reached by current HIV testing measures. Tailoring HIV testing activities to overcome the unique barriers faced by transgender men might increase rates of testing among these populations.
Transgender men’s sexual health has not been well studied. Transgender men, particularly those who have sex with cisgender (persons whose sex assigned at birth is the same as their gender identity or expression) men, are at high risk for infection. Over half of transgender men with diagnosed HIV infection had no identified or reported risk. Additional research is needed to understand HIV risk behavior among transgender men, especially those who have sex with other men.
Transgender men’s sexual health has not been well studied - CDC

Transgender men’s sexual health hasn’t been documented because, there’s a shortage of transmasculine individuals working in the HIV prevention and care field.

Also, HIV testing sites neglect to ask questions around gender and sexuality.. Meaning that Black transmasculine numbers are funneled into the overall MSM numbers.
Guy looking for ftm original parts

Guy looking for FTM original parts. Send pics and stats. Be hiv negative. Here in Modesto. Send photo of lower area.

Details: 29 years old, in Modesto.
Looking for 18 - 80 yrs old.
Posted 7 hrs ago.
A substantial minority of transgender men who have sex with men (MSM) have never tested for HIV or been screened for sexually transmitted infections (STIs), according to US research published in the online edition of *Sexually Transmitted Infections*. High-risk anal sex was associated with never testing for HIV.

Overall, 28% of trans MSM recruited to the study had never been screened for HIV and 39% had not had an HIV test in the previous 12 months. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend that gay and other MSM should be tested for HIV at least once a year, but the study shows that trans MSM have screening levels well below recommended standards.

“These findings highlight the importance of reaching transgender men who have sex with men and improving routine HIV and STI testing in this population.”

Another recent US-wide study found that almost a quarter of trans people at risk of acquiring HIV through sex with cisgender men and/or trans women had never tested for HIV, and 54% did not meet CDC recommendations for HIV testing once a year or more often.
Some clinics that do STI testing try to be inclusive of trans and gender non-conforming people in their policies or even on their intake forms. But, some doctors, nurses and staff will still say inappropriate things, misgender people, make assumptions about trans guys’ bodies or what kind of sex they are having, or don’t offer the testing that they might offer other men who have sex with men and or other transgender community members.

In the end, it’s important to have courageous and meaningful conversations with individuals to assess their needs. Also, be open to creating a full panel that includes all tests and sites because, body parts don’t confirm someone’s gender.

Stigma is also real for black community and should be taken into consideration when asking sensitive questions around identity, sexual practices, partners and safety. Some transmasculine folks may not feel comfortable and or safe when disclosing the type of sex they’re having or who they’re having sex with.

It’s best to not judge them and be open to offering many tools that they can utilize without harassing them about who and what body parts are involved.
Most HIV research among transgender people has focused on trans women (those assigned male sex at birth who identify as women or transfeminine).

There are very few data on trans men (people assigned female sex at birth who identify as men or transmasculine). Trans men have been assumed to have sex primarily with cisgender women and therefore be at low risk for HIV.

This includes access to PrEP/PEP. Many agencies, organizations, clinics and etc still gatekeep tools such as PrEP/PEP because, its widely thought of as a cis–gendered gay mans tool...

Meaning you can only take it if you were born with a penis and you have to be a bottom and perceived as a SLUT!
Hit the ground running….

• Understand that transmen are men!
• Utilize capacity building assistance per agencies, organizations and community members (black trans-masculine).
• Hire, pay and professionally develop black Trans-masculine people
• Trans-masculine folks should be offered services such as HIV testing, STI testing and access to tools such as PrEP/PEP
• Never judge a book by its cover
  (gender expression vs. gender identity)!
• Pronouns are important!
• Train staff on capturing accurate demographics on HIV reporting documents.
• Understand that transmen are men!