

DEFINITIONS



COMMONLY USED TERMS

Androgyne:

1. (n) A person whose biological sex is not readily apparent, whether intentionally or unintentionally.
2. A person whose identity is between the two traditional genders.
3. A person who rejects gender roles entirely.

Note: 'Intersexual' and 'hermaphrodite' refer to people intermediate in sex, 'androgyne' to people intermediate in gender.

Epicene:

1. (adj & n) Pertaining to words that indicate either sex with only one grammatical form.
2. Partaking of the characteristics of both sexes
3. Common to both sexes; worn or inhabited by both sexes.

Gender:

(n) Sex is a set of biological or anatomical differences between people; gender is a set of social classifications or associations indicating membership with a particular group.

Dysphoria:

The state of discontentment with one's biological sex or sex-of-rearing. does not always indicate being transgendered.

Hermaphrodite:

1. (n)*medical*A person biologically intermediate between male and female. 1a. "true hermaphrodite" - a person with both ovarian and testicular tissue, i.e. a person with ambiguous gonads.

1.(b) "Pseudo-hermaphrodite" - a person with two ovaries or two testes, but ambiguous genitals. The term 'intersexual' is now preferred for senses 1a and 1b.
2. (biological) An animal or plant having both male and female reproductive organs.

Intersexual:

(n - the adj. form is usually 'intersexed.') A person biologically intermediate between male and female. The 'true intersexed' condition, where both ovarian and testicular tissue are present in either the same gonad or in opposite gonads, accounts for fewer than 5 percent of all cases of ambiguous genitals.

Intersexed children are routinely given surgery to make their genitalia unambiguous.

Nonoperative:

A nonoperative transsexual is one who might have had hormonal treatments, electrolysis, and some cosmetic surgery but does not intend to pursue genital surgery.

Postoperative:

Post operative simply means "after the surgery." A postoperative transsexual is one who has had the actual genital surgery.

Preoperative:

Preoperative simply means "before surgery." A pre-op transsexual is one who has begun the procedure to reassign the

sex, but has not had the surgery. The term is used for people who have just begun the procedure, as well as for those who are very close to completing the actual surgery.

Salmacian:

(n) Suggested by the author as a term for male-to-intersex and female-to-intersex transsexuals.

Sex:

(n) A classification based on reproductive biology. Most people think of sex as wholly bipolar, with male and female as the only possibilities; more precisely, it is a continuum with most individuals concentrated near the poles.

Sie, hir:

(pron) Gender-free pronouns, used chiefly on the internet.

Surgery (SRS):

(n) The generally preferred term for what is colloquially referred to as a 'sex change operation.' Gender Reassignment Surgery, however, is also used.

Transgendered:

Transgendered is a term introduced by Virginia Price. It originally meant a transsexual with no desire to have sex reassignment surgery. It later became a catchword for transvestites, transsexuals, female and male impersonators, drag queens, drag kings, intersexuals, cross dressers, gender dysphorics, and those for whom there is no gender label.

Transsexual:

1. The condition of an individual with an apparently normal somatic sexual differentiation expressing the conviction that he or she is actually a member of the opposite sex.
2. A "man" in a woman's body, or a "woman" in a man's body.



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