

Reflections on the gender identity disorder in health services: literature review

Abstract

The object of this study is the gender identity disorder related to the diagnosis, health services and also the view of health professionals about it. This is a descriptive-exploratory research, with a qualitative approach through the literature review in national periodical articles available on the bases LILACS and Scielo. Based on these articles, we might affirm that the study of transsexuality referred to health services and professionals concern is still a subject of much prejudice, however, despite of it, there are already specialized health services to diagnose and treat these patients. Our analysis shows that transsexuality is still treated with disregard by some health professionals, nevertheless the transsexuals should be welcomed and treated with respect and appreciation for their diversity.

Key-words: Transsexualism; Gender identity disorder; Health services; Brazilian health system.