

## **Guidance for Data Presentations that Include Transgender and Other Gender Minority Youth as Participants from the ATN's Transgender Advisory Group**

On behalf of the Transgender Advisory Group (TAG), we are writing to submit recommendations to support the ATN's commitment to advancing the cultural competency of the Network and the visibility and inclusivity of transgender and other gender minority youth in research.

As you are aware, investigators, research scholars, and site staff are invited to present at ATN meetings; association and academy annual meetings; local, national, and international conferences; etc. Thus, it is recommended that all ATN presentations acknowledge the limitations of data analysis methods, commonly used inclusion/exclusion criteria, and sampling biases when making conclusions about transgender and other gender minority youth. Additionally, sexual risk behaviors should be described using anatomical descriptions as opposed to gender descriptions (e.g., anal sex rather than MSM). If data about gender identity, sexual orientation, and/or sexual behaviors are unavailable or unreliable, specific notation should be included before and during data presentations to acknowledge these limitations. By being upfront about whether or not transgender and other gender minority youth are included, we are ensuring scientific rigor of research on sex and gender differences more broadly.

The TAG recommends that if any of the following scenarios occur:

1. The data were not inclusive of transgender or other gender minority youth because questions did not provide response options to identify transgender and other gender minority youth respondents;
2. During data collection, transgender and other gender minority youth were incorrectly categorized as MSM; or
3. The data were inclusive but due to a small sample size and/or a lack of statistical significance, the data were omitted from the presentation;

...the following should also occur:

1. At the beginning of each presentation, any limitations relating to transgender and other gender minority youth should be acknowledged; and
2. A footnote should be included on all slides for which data on transgender and other gender minority youth have been omitted or categorized incorrectly.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.