

After watching the videos about the LGBTQ community, I would say that it is sad to know that people are still judging them. During my nursing career I have come across many lesbians, gays, and patients who have identified as a different gender than what they really are. My job did not change on how I took care of them but to others, they did have an attitude change and would talk about them outside of the room. The question never comes easy on how they want to be identified as and I believe I may have never even asked the question. Normally I just walk into the room, introduce myself, and just let them know that I will be taking care of them for that day. It is not until later, when they either bring it up or say little comments here and there about their life. But still, my job does not change on how I continue to take care of them. Some of the videos were saddening because people are mean about what the patient believes. They start to change their ways of taking care of them, leaving the patient feeling unsafe, uncomfortable, and therefore we do not get all of the information that we need to take care of them. One of the patients in the videos stated that they want to feel safe and that their gender or relationship feelings does not matter because that is not what they have gone to the doctors office for. I feel as though, there should not be a question as to what their partners gender is.

The videos have taught me so much about the LGBTQ community. Knowing that there are so many resources for these type of patients is helpful. I do believe that there should be more classes that nurses take for just this type of patient because it is our job to make every patient feel comfortable and safe. I think that some of the discharge planning should be a place for the patients to feel free to ask any questions about specifically the topic of their LGBTQ community. Therefore, we are able to provide that free information to the patients without judgment. It is our job as nurses to take care of each and every individual as equal and to not judge them. They love just like everyone else does and they deserve the respect just like all of the other patients. As a future nurse and after watching the videos of the LGBTQ community, I will continue to do my job, judgement free and allow each and every patient to feel safe, comfortable, and feel like they are at home away from home.