



Advocating for the Cincinnati LGBTQIA2+ Community

Medical Students from UCCOM Class of 2026, in partnership with Equitas Health

Equitas Health Mission Statement

“ To be the gateway to good health for those at risk of or affected by HIV; for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning (LGBTQ+) community; and for those seeking a welcoming healthcare home. ”

Addressing Social Determinants of Health

Provide **comprehensive healthcare access** to LGBTQIA2+ individuals who otherwise may have difficulty receiving care that is **safe and inclusive** of them and the identities they hold



33% of transgender patients reported having **at least 1 negative experience** with a healthcare provider

19% reported being **refused medical care**

15% were asked **unnecessary or invasive questions** unrelated to their visit

28% **postponed general medical care** due to prior discrimination

23% **did not seek health care** when needed due to fear of being disrespected or mistreated

Transgender patients are **less likely to adhere to mammography screening guidelines** than cisgender patients.



20-40% of oncology providers feel **comfortable and confident** addressing the unique health needs of LGBTQIA+ patients with cancer

but

70-80% are interested in further education



Our LC Project

- Created & presented a training for radiology healthcare providers and staff on providing inclusive chest (breast) cancer screening for LGBTQIA2+ patients
- Goal: to train radiology staff so they can be knowledgeable about the needs of this patient population and create a space that allows their patients to be comfortable as their authentic self



How Could You Help Us?

- Engage in conversations with LGBTQIA2+ community leaders and organizations to create community-centered support
- ◆ Establish an LGBTQIA2+ Commission or other formalized group to recommend policies and legislation



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