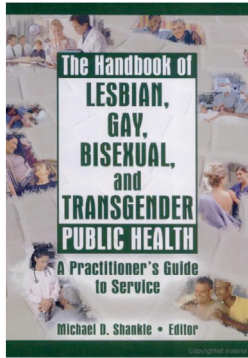


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The Handbook of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Public Health: A Practitioner's Guide to Service

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The book is designed to provide the reader with a unique focus on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) public health and is presenting a model which follows the Institutes of Medicine, which indicates that in order to achieve true conditions for population health, we should look at the influences of academia, the community, our health care delivery system, government and public health infrastructure and the media. The store-cold fact that define the LGBT community that it is composed of people who feel that their gender and sexuality are different from the mainstream society, but the nomenclature and definition of these terms varies even within a society.

The book covers the role of public health and its research for LGBT, the academia within the context of its terminology, explains all specific segments of LGBT community and their health issues and guidance to provides a practitioners at health care system for the management of main health issue within that community. It also covers the occupational safety for such individuals and highlights the promotion of their health issues and problems through LGBT media and community. Though we think that these problems do not exist in our community, I think we are not addressing it openly so I would urge all Family Physicians, public health professionals, psychiatrists and health educators to read this book to provide a background of such health problems and a guide of how to tackle such problems. It is an interesting book provided you do not have the judgmental attitude regarding homosexuality; I know I have gained some light into certain ways of containing my prejudice towards such a group and focusing on promoting health of all.

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