

GHHN Gender-Affirming Care Position Statement

The Greater Hamilton Health Network recognizes the right to receive gender-affirming care for all in our catchment area and beyond. Bodily autonomy faces unprecedented challenges. In a global environment where gender-affirming care has been politicized to justify restricting or limiting access, we stand in support of our local Two-Spirit, transgender, non-binary, and gender diverse communities. Providing gender-affirming care confirms bodily autonomy to those we serve and is consistent with our Health Equity framework.

Gender-affirming care refers both to healthcare related to medical transition and to general healthcare that is safe and gender-affirming. There is much diversity within the 2SLGBTQ+ communities, with an array of services and approaches needed to provide adequate gender-affirming care.

The GHHN is committed to supporting increased capacity for gender-affirming care for transgender and non-binary people through its Trans Health Community of Practice, as well as creating safer spaces for those in the 2SLGBTQ+ community through the Positive Space Working Group. Further recommendations given to the GHHN and partners in consultation with the 2SLGBTQ+ communities in Hamilton may be found in the GHHN Health Equity Framework and Supplementary [Report](#).