

What are Sexual Disorders?

CLASS OBJECTIVES:

What is Gender Identity Disorder?

What are Paraphilias?

What is "Normal" Sexual Behavior?

Get into groups of 3-4 and take the sexual behavior survey



What is "Normal" Sexuality?

- Sexuality is a normal part of the human experience. However, the types of sexual behavior that are considered normal vary greatly within and among different cultures.

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Gender Identity Disorder

Does Anatomy Determine Gender Identity?

- _____

- Research indicates that gender identity is _____ in early childhood and is thereafter static.

Gender Identity Disorder

- This disorder (_____) is present when a person's physical gender is not consistent with the person's sense of identity.



Damon

Damon was a 17-year-old male. For as long as he could remember, he had thought of himself as a girl. He began dressing himself in girl's clothes at the age of 5 and continued cross-dressing into junior high school. Damon developed interests in cooking, knitting, and embroidering. His older brother often ridiculed him for not liking typical, "masculine" activities. He mostly associated with girls during this period and he remembered being strongly attracted to a boy in the first grade. His extremely effeminate behaviors made him the object of ridicule when he entered high school. Damon ran away and attempted suicide. When he meet with his therapist for the first time he stated, "I am a woman trapped in a man's body and I would like to have surgery to become a woman."

Is Damon a Transvestite? Or Homosexual?

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- The primary goal is not sexual arousal, but to live their life openly as the opposite gender.
- Gender reassignment surgery is an option for some.
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- Example: A male-to-female transsexual may be sexually attracted to females, which technically makes the attraction homosexual.

Why does this happen?

Research has not yet confirmed a cause, but it is widely believed that this is the result of a biological contribution during the prenatal period



Treatment

- The most common decision is to alter the anatomy to be physically consistent with the identity through surgery or hormone therapy
- _____
- Each person seeking this must qualify by demonstrating stability:
 - Psychologically
 - Socially
 - Financially



What if you are NOT sexually attracted to other adults?

Rather you are attracted to animals, non-human items or children?



Paraphilias

Inappropriate sexual arousal



Paraphilias are sometimes referred to as sexual deviations or “perversions.”

- Paraphilias include fantasies, behaviors, or sexual _____
- Paraphilias include:
 - Sexual urges or sexual fantasies with non-human objects
 - Sexual behaviors with non-human objects
 - Sexual behaviors involving humiliation or suffering of oneself or another person
 - Adult sexual behavior that involves children or non-consenting adults

Some of common Paraphilias include:

- Exhibitionism
 - sexual gratification gained by _____
- Frotteurism
 - sexual urges are related to the touching or rubbing of their body against a non-consenting, unfamiliar woman.
- _____
 - Sexual pleasure is often gained from being hurt or humiliated.
- Sadism
 - _____
 - Some of the severe activities involved include burning, beating, stabbing, raping, and killing.
- Fetishism
 - People experience sexual urges and behavior which are associated with non-living objects.

Pedophilia

- This sexual deviance involves sexual attraction to _____
- Individuals with this pattern of arousal may be attracted to male children, female children or both.
- _____
- _____
- Approx. 90% of abusers are male and 10% are female

I'm **LOVING** the child-not hurting them!

Most child molesters are not physically abusive. This allows the abuser to rationalize their _____

- These individuals commonly explain their activities with excuses that the activities have _____

- Pedophilia usually begins in adolescence, although some individuals report they did not become aroused by children until middle age.

- Most people with this disorder have experience sexual abuse as children

Treatment

- Pedophiles can be "treated" but never cured, because their sexual preference has always been, and always will be, children. Their urges will always be present.

- The course of the disorder usually is chronic and lifelong in most patients, which is the reason that most treatment programs emphasize a relapse-prevention model

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- Psychotic Disorders
