

Assessing Awareness of Intersex Conditions

Did you know that...?

1. All babies start out in the womb as intersex.

1	2	3	4	5
I didn't know!		Some awareness		Yes, I am aware!

2. A quick peek between the legs does not necessarily reveal a person's sex.

1	2	3	4	5
I didn't know!		Some awareness		Yes, I am aware!

3. The underlying cause of ambiguous genitalia can be determined in only 20% of cases.

1	2	3	4	5
I didn't know!		Some awareness		Yes, I am aware!

4. The penis is a secondary, hormonally-based structure, not one that is genetically bred-in.

1	2	3	4	5
I didn't know!		Some awareness		Yes, I am aware!

5. There are many ways to measure a person's sex besides looking at their genitals, including assessments of their genes, gonads, internal reproductive structures, phenotype and hormones. These determinants will not necessarily all be the same sex within one individual, and may not even exhibit one consistent sex within the same determinant.

1	2	3	4	5
I didn't know!		Some awareness		Yes, I am aware!

Assessing Awareness of Intersex Conditions...2

Did you know that...?

6. While chromosomes, hormones and gonads provide quantifiable measurements of sex, the assessments of genitals and phenotype are considered by science to be purely cultural determinants.

1	2	3	4	5
I didn't know!		Some awareness		Yes, I am aware!

7. Undescended testes are a known a cancer risk in dyadic males, but recent studies show this risk does not appear to carry over to intersex individuals with internal testes.

1	2	3	4	5
I didn't know!		Some awareness		Yes, I am aware!

8. A person's gonads could turn out to be ovaries, testes, one of each, or a combination of both, regardless of the appearance of their genitals, their phenotype, or the location of their gonads.

1	2	3	4	5
I didn't know!		Some awareness		Yes, I am aware!

9. It has been shown that an outwardly binary male can possess an unsuspected uterus, or uterine structure.

1	2	3	4	5
I didn't know!		Some awareness		Yes, I am aware!

Assessing Awareness of Intersex Conditions...3

Did you know that...?

10. Uterine structures sometimes crop up in men who previously had normalizing surgery for hypospadias, which is an intersex condition.

1	2	3	4	5
I didn't know!		Some awareness		Yes, I am aware!

11. Individuals may be intersex without any visible cues or health problems (including infertility) that would suggest this divergent status. To be intersexed is not necessarily to be disordered.

1	2	3	4	5
I didn't know!		Some awareness		Yes, I am aware!

12. There are XY women and XX men (as far as can be determined with genetic testing) who do not diverge in any superficially observable way from XX women and XY men.

1	2	3	4	5
I didn't know!		Some awareness		Yes, I am aware!

13. The rate of occurrence of intersex conditions has never been studied and can never be known, but is much higher than was previously believed, as new, unsuspected cases are continually being discovered by accident.

1	2	3	4	5
I didn't know!		Some awareness		Yes, I am aware!

Assessing Awareness of Intersex Conditions...4

Did you know that...?

14. A scientific model for calculating the rate of multiple cell lines within one individual (defined here as twin (or triplet) embryos fused in utero) has put forward that as much as 10% of the population is the result of fused embryos, whether of the same or opposite sexes (i.e.: 46XX,46XX; 46XY,46XX; or 46XY,46XY).

1	2	3	4	5
I didn't know!		Some awareness		Yes, I am aware!

15. Intersex advocates and academics take offense at the new medical term 'Disorder of Sexual Development' (or 'DSD') that was created to replace 'Intersex,' and see it as an attempt by the medical culture to enforce its preference for the disproven theory of a binary system of sex upon non-conforming individuals, by pathologizing, erasing or ignoring the reality of a naturally-occurring spectrum or continuum of sex.

1	2	3	4	5
I didn't know!		Some awareness		Yes, I am aware!

16. Intersex patients may not know their own medical history, because a 'concealment' model of medical management prevailed w.r.t. managing obvious intersex conditions until very recently.

1	2	3	4	5
I didn't know!		Some awareness		Yes, I am aware!

Assessing Awareness of Intersex Conditions...5

Did you know that...?

17. It is not uncommon for medical doctors to choose the 'wrong' sex when performing unconsented sex reassignment surgeries on infants. It is not uncommon for these surgeries to create further complications, to deaden genital sensation, or to create lifelong genital pain.

1	2	3	4	5
I didn't know!		Some awareness		Yes, I am aware!

18. Intersex advocates and academics question the need to 'choose' between one of two culturally-mandated but fictive outposts of the binary model of sex, if that does not reflect or respect an individual's true nature or self-understanding, or the nature of Nature itself.

1	2	3	4	5
I didn't know!		Some awareness		Yes, I am aware!