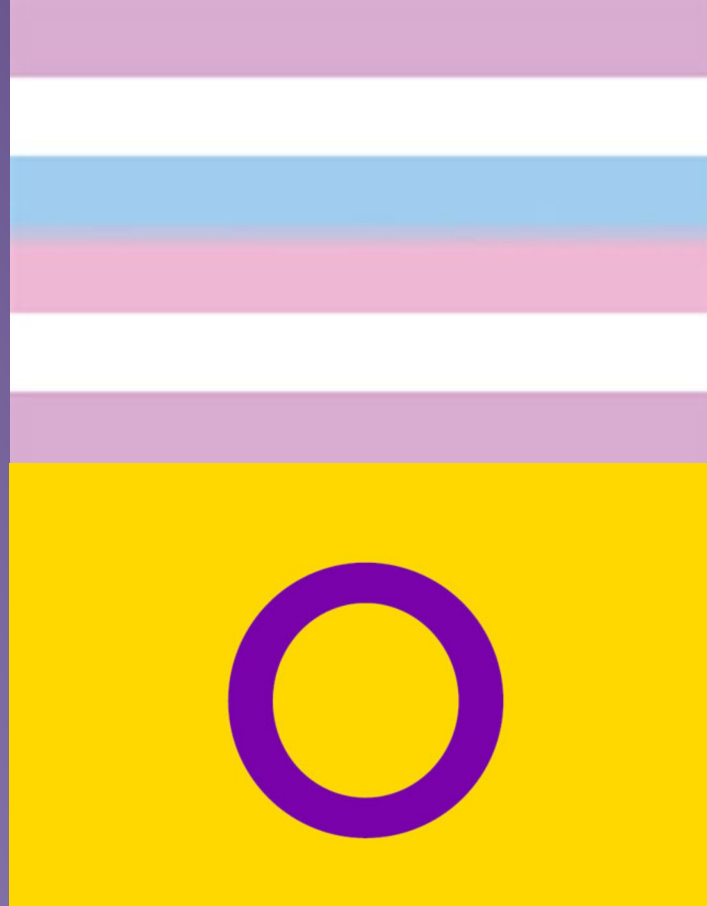


There are many ways to be an ally!

- Treat intersex people with respect by not asking invasive questions and using their pronouns.
- Help educate others about intersex people.
- Oppose unnecessary and non-consensual surgeries on intersex babies and children.
- Support nondiscrimination protections that include intersex people.
- Oppose laws that make it illegal for people to use restrooms that don't match the gender marker on their birth certificate.



Both of these flags are symbols of the Intersex communities!

The top one with lavender and white stripes with blue and pink merging in the center symbolize the spectrum.

The yellow flag with a purple ring is a recently new design by a member of the community!

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Everything You Need to Know!

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"Intersex" refers to people who are born with any of a range of characteristics that may not fit traditional conceptions about male or female bodies.

Intersex people may have variations in their chromosomes, genitals, or internal organs like testes or ovaries. People with intersex traits & bodies make up about 1.7% of the population and have always existed. Like anyone who may seem different, they sometimes face discrimination, including in healthcare settings (as early as infancy).

Some intersex children undergo unnecessary and irreversible surgeries - without consent.

Unfortunately, parents may feel pressured by doctors into medical procedures without knowledge of the harmful physical and psychological consequences (scarring, misaligned gender identity).



Intersex people may identify as male, female, no gender or multiple genders.

INTERSEX PEOPLE MAY EXPRESS THEIR GENDER IN DIFFERENT WAYS

Intersex people, like all people, may be straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, asexual, or identity in another way. Intersex people should enjoy autonomy over their own bodies and identities.

DONT MAKE ASSUMPTIONS AND LET PEOPLE SHARE THEIR OWN STORIES

If you meet someone who has shared they are intersex, let them share the information they wish to share. Don't ask about their bodies or what procedures they've undergone. Respect their privacy!

BEING INTERSEX IS NOT THE SAME AS BEING TRANSGENDER

A person who is **intersex** was born with a variation in their internal or external sex characteristics; a person who is **transgender** has a gender identity that does not align with the sex they were assigned at birth, but their visible sex characteristics usually fit within what most people think of when they think of male or female bodies.