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**Impact of queer activism in medical status of Trans(sexual/gender) categories**

Abstract:

The aim of this presentation is to follow a *trans* activist group in relation to trans health issues and the current controversies around transsexual/transgender categories. Concretely, I aim to discuss the impact of the International Network for Trans Depatologization Campaign in the changes in diagnosis manuals –DSM 5 (2013) y ICD 12 (expected 2015)- as well as in the care protocols –Standards of Care SOC7 (2012).

In particular, I will consider the Spanish/International Network for Trans Depathologization a group which is actively working on the removal of 'Gender Dysphoria' / 'Gender Identity Disorders' categories from the international diagnosis manuals. Denying the current consideration of transsexuality as a mental or physical disease, they do not reject medical attention on trans health issues, but claim such *caring practices* should be based on a new relation between health professionals and trans people. These new practices are displayed in their proposal of a new protocol for best practices in *trans* health care.