



Derek Chen and BRIDGE-C2 team awarded NIH Diversity Supplement

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The NIH Research Supplement to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research

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As a graduate student at Stanford University, Derek's master's thesis examined the differences in health statuses and healthcare access between gender-diverse and cisgender older adults. Derek is continuing his research career development through active participation on the Cancer Prevention for Gender-Expansive Patients pilot, one of several active projects within the BRIDGE-C2 Center, with mentorship support from Nathalie Huguet and Sonja Likumahuwa-Ackman.

The research project work is a pre-implementation study that will fill gaps in our knowledge around cancer screening and risk reduction services among gender-expansive patients (individuals who identify as transgender and those whose gender is broadened from society's notion of gender) compared to cisgender patients. Derek plans to attend medical school with a vision of being a family medicine physician-scientist who specializes in LGBTQ+ health care and works to improve the health status of this medically-underserved population.



About the project

Gender expansive individuals face disparities in receiving guideline-concordant care. The aim of this pilot is to use EHR data to examine (1) cervical cancer screening and results, and (2) tobacco use status and cessation services, among gender expansive patients compared to cis-gendered patients seen in OHSU primary care clinics.

Learn about the BRIDGE-C2 Center (<https://bridgetoinnovation.org/our-initiatives/bridge-c2-center/>)

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