An abbreviated list of transgender-related terms, acronyms, and slang

(Abbreviated from http://www.tsroadmap.com/start/tgterms.html)

**brain sex**: the concept that male and female brains have distinct characteristics that lead to differences in thoughts and behavior.

**CD**: crossdresser.

**cisgendered** [rare]: an obscure term for non-trans people, meaning that someone's body and gender identity match.

**clock** (verb): to be recognized as transgender.

**crossdresser**: someone who enjoys wearing clothing and accessories intended for a different gender role. This can be done for both sexual and non-sexual reasons.

**deep stealth**: Someone whose trans status is not known by anyone they interact with on a daily basis, esp. a sex partner.

**F2M, FTM**: female-to-male.

**FFS**: facial feminization surgery.

**Gatekeeper** [noun]: any professional caregiver who actively regulates access to body modification methods for gender-different people

**GCS**: Gender confirmation surgery.

**Gender role**: The behaviors, traits, thoughts, and dress expected by a culture of members of a particular sex.

**Gender schema**: an internalized pattern of responses based on gender roles.

**Gender schematic**: Behavior that considers gender an important factor in one's behavior. That is, if you immediately classify a person as male or female and respond to them accordingly, you are gender schematic.

**Gender aschematic**: Behavior that does not consider gender an important factor in one's behavior. If your responses to a person are the same regardless of gender, you are "gender aschematic"

**Genderqueer** [adjective]: any individual that doesn't -- or won't -- adhere to the expectation of the only two gender presentations that which our culture allows, as based upon one's ministerial and external 'birth sex'. (as in, "When Patrick was a kid, he didn't realise the extent of how genderqueer he was, despite his inherent tomboyishness on the playground.")

**GG**: genetic girl, sometimes used as a term to describe non-trans women (as opposed to TG). Sometimes considered derogatory by women who were raised as girls from birth
onwards and by some transwomen who feel that chromosomes are not the defining characteristic for womanhood.

**GRS**: Gender reassignment surgery.

**HBIGDA**: Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association, an professional organization involved in gender variance. In 2006, they implemented a name change to WPATH (World Professional Association for Transgender Health).

**Hermaphrodite**: An organism with primary or secondary sex characteristics of both sexes. Though formerly used to describe people as well, the preferred term is "version of the DSM, with close parallels. Often used by insurance companies. intersexed person."

**Intersex**: The preferred term advocates use to describe people diagnosed by physicians with primary or secondary sex characteristics of both sexes. Some trans people self-identify as intersex, based either on a clinical diagnosis or on their personal conception of their identity. In some cases, trans people have claimed to be intersexed not based on any medical evidence, but because they consider it more socially acceptable.

**MTF M2F MF M**: male-to-female

**queer**: an overarching term for anyone outside gender norms, including gays, lesbians, bisexuals, as well as trans people.

**read** (verb): 1. to be recognized as transgender, esp. by a non-trans person. 2. to insult someone, as in, "I had to read her after she was acting shady."

**trannie or tranny**: a term used by some TG women to describe other TG women. Often considered offensive if used by a non-TG

**transgender**: An umbrella term used to describe anyone whose gender identity or expression situates them differently than the traditional gender role they were assigned at birth. Some of the countless categories lumped together under this term include crossdressing, drag, transgenderism, transsexualism, androgyny, and many shadings between these larger groupings.

**transgender(ed)**: [adjective] Should be to describe someone, not to label them as an object -- as a noun. (incorrect usage: "I saw three transgenders walking out of Nordstrom yesterday." Correct usage: "I saw three transgender people walking out of Nordstrom yesterday.")

**unclockable**: Describes someone who is accepted without question or suspicion in her chosen gender.
Language no longer used/PC  FTM & MTF – now: AFAB AMAB assigned female at birth & assigned male at birth

Resources

Articles
- Gender Belonging: Children, Adolescents and the role of the Therapist by Esben Esther Pirelli Benestad
- No turning back: Male to female transgender journeys of getting through tough times By Aya Okumura

General (books)
- How Sex Changed: A History of Transsexuality in the United States by Joanne J. Meyerowitz
- True Selves: Understanding Transsexuality—For Families, Friends, Coworkers, and Helping Professionals by Mildred L. Brown and Chloe Ann Rounsley
- Invisible Lives: The Erasure of Transsexual and Transgendered People by Viviane Namaste
- Gender Outlaw: On Men, Women and the Rest of Us by Kate Bornstein
- Transgender History (Seal Studies) by Susan Stryker
- Normal by Amy Bloom
- Butch is a Noun by S Bear Bergman
- The Nearest Exit May Be Behind You by S Bear Bergman

Transfemale (books)
- Whipping Girl: A Transsexual Woman on Sexism and the Scapegoating of Femininity by Julia Serano
- Wrapped In Blue: A Journey of Discovery by Donna Rose
- She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders by Jennifer Finney Boylan

Transmale (books)
- Transformation from Female to Male by Max Wolf Valerio
- Becoming a Visible Man by Jamison Green
- Just Add Hormones: An Insider's Guide to the Transsexual Experience by Matt Kailey

Partners (books)
- My Husband Betty: Love, Sex, and Life with a Crossdresser by Helen Boyd
- She's Not the Man I Married: My Life with a Transgender Husband by Helen Boyd

Films
- Ma Vie En Rose French Film
- Boys Don't Cry
• **XXY**  
• **Transamerica** Starring: Felicity Huffman  
• **Southern Comfort**  
• **Beautiful Daughters** first all-transsexual production of Eve Ensler's popular "The Vagina Monologues."  
• **Cruel & Unusual** (don't watch alone)  
• **Normal** Starring: Richard Bull, Mary Seibel  
• **Soldier's Girl** Starring: Troy Garity  
• **No Dumb Questions** (http://www.nodumbquestions.com/about.html)  
• **Diagnosing Difference**  
• **I'm Just Anneke** (http://www.mediatthatmattersfest.org/watch/10/im_just_anneke)  
• **Transgeneration**

**URLs**

• **Seminar in Transgender Studies (CSLA)** http://learningtrans.org/seminar-in-transgender-studies/  
• **Harry Benjamin Standards of Care** http://www.tc.umn.edu/~colem001/hbigda/hstndrd.htm  
• **WPATH** http://www.wpath.org/index.cfm  
• **Gender Education and Advocacy (GEA)** is a national organization focused on the needs, issues and concerns of gender variant people http://gender.org/  
• **Trans Youth Family Alliance** http://www.imatyfa.org/  
• **TS Roadmap** http://www.tsroadmap.com/  
• **Lynn Conway's web site** http://ai.eecs.umich.edu/people/conway/conway.html  
• **GID Reform Advocates** http://gidreform.org/  
• **Blog post on coming out to boyfriend's mom** http://pickypenelope.wordpress.com/2010/10/09/outing-to-the-darling-boyfriends-mom-part-1/  
• **Article written by a 19-year old student in Colorado** http://www.denverpost.com/ci_16586317?source=sb-facebook  
• **Thoughts on tg day of remembrance** http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rev-meg-riley/gratitude-for-transgender_b_784048.html?ref=fb&src=sp  
• **Genderfork** http://genderfork.com/  

**YouTube**

• **Genderqueer chat** http://www.youtube.com/user/GenderqueerChat