

Welcome our new RH Strategist and Health Equity Coordinator, Ngozi!

We are super excited to welcome Ngozi to the RH team as our RH Strategist and Health Equity Coordinator!

“Ngozi was a sexual health peer educator in her teenage years, and has been working with health equity promotion ever since. Justice, healing, transformative processes, yoga, somatic awareness, and mindfulness, are all aspects of practice that inform Ngozi's work.

Ngozi emphasizes an intersectional lens and believes we must understand the unique historical and social factors that affect each community we work with, as well as understand the cultural strengths existing in each community to advance equity and promote justice. She believes everyone should have places to talk openly about all aspects of health, justice and healing, and encourages community dialogue where people lean into curiosity and discomfort to invite transformative process and strategy.

You can often find Ngozi in nature hiking, camping, or soaking in a hot spring. She is very excited to be on the team!”



340B Recertification for Title X, STD Entities ends June 6

The annual 340B Program Recertification period for Title X Family Planning and CDC STD/TB grantees ends June 6, 2022. All family planning and STD 340B covered entities must complete recertification, otherwise the entity will be removed from the 340B program.


In order to recertify, Authorizing Officials (AOs) and Primary Contacts (PCs) must set up (or update their) individual user accounts in the 340B Office of Pharmacy Affairs Information System (340B OPAIS). Failure to set up or update user accounts will result in removal from the 340B program.

For assistance with the 340B OPAIS or questions regarding recertification, access the online help on the [HRSA website](#) or contact the 340B call center at apexusanswers@340bpvp.com or 1-888-340-2787.

Access to Sexual & Reproductive Health Care

As stated by the NIHCM, “Access to reproductive health services in the U.S. could be further limited if the recently leaked Supreme Court draft decision becomes law and overturns Roe v. Wade. The U.S. already has the highest maternal mortality rate among wealthy countries and experts say pregnancy-related deaths could rise over 20% or more in states where abortion may soon become illegal or seriously limited.”

[Read more in Scientific American](#) ↗




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DATA INSIGHTS

Sexual & Reproductive Health Care

A recent study shows experiences of racism were evident across the sexual and reproductive health lifespan. Structural racism impacts:



Access to Care
The ability to obtain timely health care services

Use of Care
Use of the health care service

Experience of Care
Interactions with the health care system

From the Turnaway Study:

The Effects of Unwanted Pregnancy on Women Include:

More likely to experience **serious complications** from the end of pregnancy including eclampsia and death.

More likely to experience **poor physical health** for years after the pregnancy, including chronic pain and gestational hypertension.

- Thompson, Terri-ann Monique, et al. "Racism Runs through It: Examining the Sexual and Reproductive Health Experience of Black Women in the South." Health Affairs, 1 Feb. 2022
- "The Turnaway Study." Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health, University of San Francisco. 15 Apr. 2022.

Updated Supply Reimbursement Rates Chart Coming Soon

We have heard from many of you that supply costs for certain methods have increased over the past few months so we are reviewing and updating our supply reimbursement rate chart. We will share the updated chart in the next few weeks. Please remember to reach out to us with any questions or information about supply costs and reimbursement rates.

[See the current Supply Reimbursement Rate chart [↗]](#)

Health Equity

Working with Asian Pacific Islander Communities Resource

Recently, the Multnomah County Health Department worked with an OSHU School of Nursing Doctoral student to conduct a needs assessment of Asian Pacific Islander community members in Multnomah County to better understand their reproductive health care needs. Findings from the needs assessment indicated three main themes:

1. distress surrounding healthcare provider experience,
2. desire for increased reproductive health education, and
3. desire for resources and access to reproductive health.

Based on these findings, staff from the Multnomah County Health Department developed a brief tip sheet with talking points for culturally competent, trauma-informed reproductive and sexual health discussions. Multnomah County has graciously agreed to share both the needs assessment findings and tip sheet as a useful resource for clinics across the state!

If you have any additional questions or would like more information, please reach out to Multnomah's Medical Director's Office Program Specialist, Carol O'Neill Shaw at carol.a.oneill@multco.us.

[Read the Needs Assessment Findings [↗]](#)

[See the Tip Sheet [↗]](#)

Foundations of Accepting & Affirming Care (10 min video)

This 10-minute video, by the RHNTC lays the foundation for the need for accepting and affirming care in Title X settings. It provides an overview of LGBTQ+ individuals' experiences accessing sexual and reproductive health care and the context all providers should keep in mind when working with LGBTQ+ clients.

[Watch the Video](#) ↗

Clinician Café - Providing Inclusive Family Planning Care to Clients in the LGBTQ+ Community (June 6–10)

This Clinician Café will explore how family planning service sites can enhance the patient experience of people in the LGBTQ+ community, address their unique biopsychosocial needs, and provide high-quality sexual and reproductive services with a trauma-informed, client-centered approach. CE is available (up to 1.75 CNE and CPH).

[Register here](#) ↗

Trainings

May is Hepatitis Awareness Month!

In honor of Hepatitis awareness month, check out these training websites from the UW on Hep B and C! They both offer free CME/CNE.

<https://www.hepatitisc.uw.edu/> ↗

<https://www.hepatitisb.uw.edu/> ↗

Webinar: Preventing and Responding to Intimate Partner Violence in Reproductive Health Settings *(Thursday, June 2, 12:00 –1:00pm)*

One in four women experiences intimate partner violence (IPV). The mental and physical toll of IPV can be long-lasting and multi-generational, and can directly affect a person’s reproductive health. Reproductive health care providers have a unique role in preventing and responding to IPV. Join the RHNTC for a webinar offering family planning providers an opportunity to learn what IPV can look like; how it affects a person’s overall and reproductive health; and how to practice an inclusive approach to assessment and response to ensure more clients experiencing IPV receive the support they need.

[Register here](#) ↗

Trainings from the Transgender Training Institute (TTI)

See Transgender Training Institute’s upcoming schedule! [Learn more about TTI](#) ↗

- [Non-Binary & Black: A Beginner’s Snapshot](#) ↗ - June 2, 12:00-12:30
- **Getting Comfortable with Pronouns**
[June 2, 1:00-1:30](#) ↗
[June 27, 10:00-10:30](#) ↗
- [Anti-Transgender Microaggressions & How to Intervene](#) ↗ - June 9, 2:30-3:30
- **Foundations of Knowledge & Action: Trans 101** (1 CE available)
[June 16, 11:30-1:30](#) ↗
[July 19, 2:30-4:30](#) ↗
- **Non-Binary Basics**
[June 27, 9:00-9:30](#) ↗
[July 20, 11:00-11:30](#) ↗
- [Foundations of Awareness: An Intro for Clinician \(Part 1\)](#) ↗ (4 CE available) - July 18, 9:00-2:00
- [Integrating Therapeutic Models of Care for Trans Clients \(Part 2\)](#) ↗ (4 CE available) - July 28, 9:00-2:00

Resources

Emergency Contraception vs. Medication Abortion Explainer

Physicians for Reproductive Health has created a helpful FAQ sheet on the differences between emergency contraception and medication abortion. It is intended for use in assistance communicating about them, and serving as a patient reference.

[See the EC vs. Medication Abortion FAQ](#) ↗

Patient Satisfaction Survey for a Telehealth Visit

The RHNTC developed a sample patient satisfaction survey that Title X agencies can use to get feedback from patients about how they feel about the services they received during a telehealth visit. The survey is also available in Spanish.

See the survey in [English](#) ↗ and [Spanish](#) ↗

Auditor's Corner

Desk Audit Reminders & Tips

Since desk audits resumed this past March, we wanted to share a few reminders. Every 1-2 years, depending on your certification, we will request 10 client's enrollment form and chart notes from a recent visit. We look to ensure the enrollment form is completed entirely and that it matches the eligibility database. We also use the chart notes to determine if the visit level billed is appropriate.

Here are a few tips:

- Don't forget to save each client's enrollment form for 7 years!
- When a client is re-enrolling, they must complete a new enrollment form which should be saved with their chart.
- See our [Guidance on Remote Enrollment](#). Staff should complete and save the actual enrollment form in the clients chart. Do not enter the information directly into the eligibility database.

And if you have any questions, email us at rh.program@dhsosha.state.or.us.