Intersex: It’s Not Just Male & Female

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What is intersex and why is it important?

- An umbrella term used for those born with a reproductive anatomy that does not fit the typical definitions of male or female
- Sex spectrum, not just "ambiguous genitalia"
- Cultural construct
- Not a "new" thing
- Surgery

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Actual scale. The above are actual current medical standards. Challenging these arbitrary standards, ISNA works to create a world free of shame, secrecy, and unwanted genital plastic surgery for children born with mixed sex anatomy.
• How do intersex individuals develop?
  – Sexual differentiation does not occur until the fetal period of development.
  – In the first weeks of life, a fetus has no anatomic or hormonal sex.
  – Sex differences may be induced by genes, hormones, anatomy, or social learning.
• How common is intersex?
  – Used to be estimated at 1 in 2000 births
  – Now, we estimate it to be 1 in 50
  – This is the same % of the population with green eyes
  – 2-3%!!
Intersex Children
Do Not Need Your Interventions.

Fix Society, Please.
Let’s End Cultural Dysphoria and Intersexphobia.

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Thanks for listening!