School of Health Information Science Seminar:

Modernizing Gender, Sex, and Sexual Orientation (GSSO) Information in Digital Health Systems - Where Are We in Canada?



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Modernizing of gender, sex, and sexual orientation (GSSO) information is a quintessential informatics challenge as it poses both technical and human challenges. Within digital health information systems, sex and gender continue to be conflated as a single concept and often are limited to a binary answer. This has led to inappropriate care, erosion of patient trust and avoidance of the healthcare system. In this presentation, we review the technical, clinical and ethical aspects of this issue. Canadian efforts to modernize GSSO terminology in digital health systems and current research from the UVic GSSO Research Team will be included. Opportunities for future will work will be discussed.

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