5 recommendations for inclusive care of LGBT+ people facing bereavement





Use the relationship labels (e.g. partner) and pronouns (e.g. she/her) that individuals themselves use, and ask if you do not know.

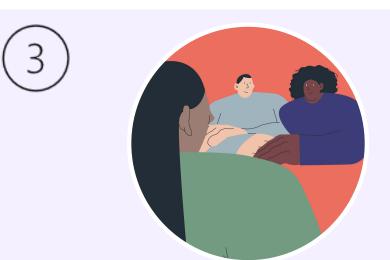
Be cognisant and respectful of the hesitancy and fears individuals may have around accessing formal bereavement support.



Source: Bristowe K, Timmins L, Braybrook D, et al. LGBT+ partner bereavement and appraisal of the Acceptance-Disclosure Model of LGBT+ bereavement: A qualitative interview study. Palliative Medicine. 2023;37(2):221-234. doi:10.1177/02692163221138620

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Explore sources of personal and social support by asking: Who in their lives is important to them? Who is aware of their bereavement, and the nature of that loss?



Facilitate connections with local bereavement support services, and make the first introduction if required, to allay fears and enable individuals to access the support they need.

