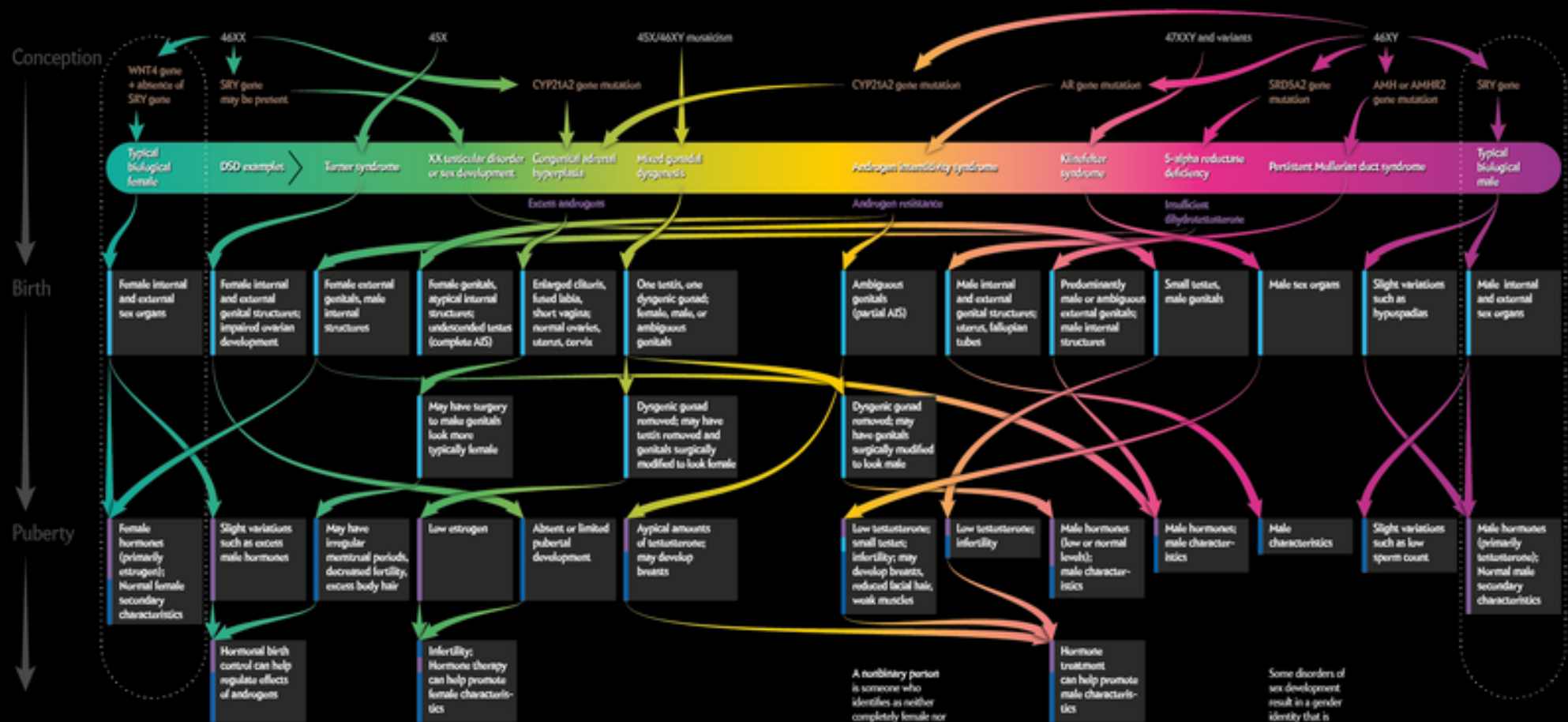


Sex refers to a set of factors that determine whether an individual is considered biologically female, male, or intersex. These factors include chromosomes, genes, internal and external sex organs, hormones, and secondary sex characteristics (such as breasts for females or facial hair for males). For those with disorders of sex development (DSD), these factors are not all aligned with typical female or male development. DSD traits may manifest themselves at different times throughout life, from conception to adolescence or adulthood. Individuals with DSD are also called intersex.



Gender refers to whether an individual identifies as female, male, or somewhere in between.

Sexuality refers to an individual's sexual orientation, or the sort of person to whom they are attracted. Sexuality is also a spectrum, but is separate from both sex and gender.

A **cisgender woman** is a person who was assigned female at birth based on her anatomy and who also identifies as a woman.

A **transgender woman** is a person who was assigned male at birth based on her anatomy but who identifies as a woman.

Transgender individuals may undergo hormone treatment and/or gender confirmation surgery to make their bodies align more closely with the biological sex associated with their gender.

A **nonbinary person** is someone who identifies as neither completely female nor completely male. Such an individual may identify with both genders or neither gender; or they may be gender fluid, meaning their gender fluctuates between female and male.

A **transgender man** is a person who was assigned female at birth based on his anatomy but who identifies as a man.

A **cisgender man** is a person who was assigned male at birth based on his anatomy and who also identifies as a man.

Some disorders of sex development result in a gender identity that is different from a person's assigned biological sex. For example, individuals with 5-alpha reductase deficiency who are raised as girls often end up identifying as male.