

APPENDIX E: Semi-Structured Interview Schedule



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The title of this study is “Finding meaning within the South African transgendered experiences of identity formation.” Through your participation I would like to gain a greater understanding of the meanings attributed to transgendered experiences in the South African society, particularly on the development of your gender identity.

The specific aims are to explore the life span of experiences within transgendered individuals in the South African context that have impacted their individual identity development formation. A second aim will be to examine how these themes relate and compare to existing models of transgender identity development.

To begin can you tell me about yourself (probes: age, race, education, city of residence, occupational history, family history, relational history)

Some of the following probing questions may be used:

1. At birth what sex were you described as? Male, female, intersex, other?
2. How would you currently describe or make sense of your gender? (probe: Trans Man, Trans woman, transexual person, gender variant person, cross dressing person, transvestite person, intersex person, another way)?
3. When did you first begin to acknowledge the concept of gender?
4. What are some early experiences of being transgender? Or what was it like growing up in your home being transgender?
5. Have you at any point experienced any doubts, confusion about your being transgender?
6. What comes to mind regarding your “Coming out” process, telling others about transformation? Others reactions?
7. Have you sought out any medical treatment? Can you share your experiences within the medical community?

8. Can you describe any significant or profound relationships?
9. Are there any significant events or experiences you would like to share?
10. How would you describe your integration and acceptance being transgender in South Africa?