

What does Sex Development Diversity / DSD mean?

These terms basically mean that someone is born with internal (physical or genetic) or external sex anatomy variations that result in bodies or genetic make-up that does not fit neatly into the typical **assumption** of what male or female “*should be*” or “*should look like*”. Variations can be in chromosomes, genitals, or internal organs.

There are many different types of bodies in the natural Sex Development Diversity Spectrum, our founder has *Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome*.

Good to know

Even though the term “*Intersex*” has recently been adopted by some, others do not like or use this term. For example, our founder Dalea sometimes uses this term during interviews, but only as an additional descriptive to help provide a snapshot of her experience. In her daily life, Dalea does not describe herself with any label, in her own words, she is simply a girl.

How frequently does Sex Development Diversity Occur?

Due to a great degree of secrecy, accurate count of intersex variations in populations across the world do not really exist. However, various studies suggest that 1 in every 2000 babies is born with some type of DSD variation. Some compare the frequency of intersex births to that of babies born with Red hair, for example.

What is Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome? (or AIS)

Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome or AIS, is one of many types of DSD variations. AIS manifests in a range of degrees. From complete AIS, when a child is born looking completely female and with the differences of development hidden physically inside (no uterus, internal gonads, XY chromosomes) to partial AIS, where the baby is born with more readily visible physical variations, how much of a variation depends on each case.

Do all babies born with a DSD variation need surgery?

This is perhaps the biggest injustice that this community faces. Although in **some cases** a baby born with a difference of sex development requires a life saving surgery, what is never necessary is a **sex assignment surgery**. Routinely, doctors operate on babies, children and teens, only as a response of the doctor or parent discomfort with having a child that does not fit neatly into traditional ideas of what it means to look male or female.

Most of these surgeries are not medically necessary, and in many occasions, only give the baby a toss of a coin sex assignment. We feel that these surgeries are human rights violations, because they are performed on babies, children or teens without their ability to consent or the mental maturity to fight for their rights. These life-altering, irreversible surgeries, **should be left for the individual to decide, when old enough to make an informed decision**. Everybody is different, and everyone deserves the right to grow up to decide if or what surgery is the right path for them; this may include the decision that they are perfectly happy as they were born.

Remember

If you meet someone who shares their Sex Development Difference status, please let them decide how much detail they want to share regarding surgery, anatomy, chromosomes. The level of comfort with the DSD experience is very personal. The best thing you can do, is show care and support, no matter what they choose... at the end of the day, that is what all human beings want. If someone confides in you, please know how important it is that you do not share that information with others.

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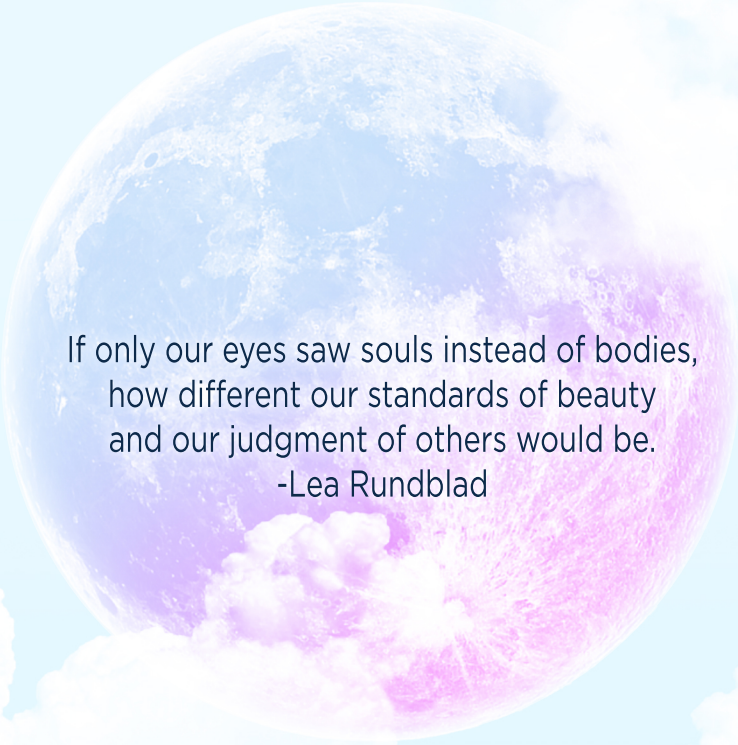
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If only our eyes saw souls instead of bodies,
how different our standards of beauty
and our judgment of others would be.

-Lea Rundblad