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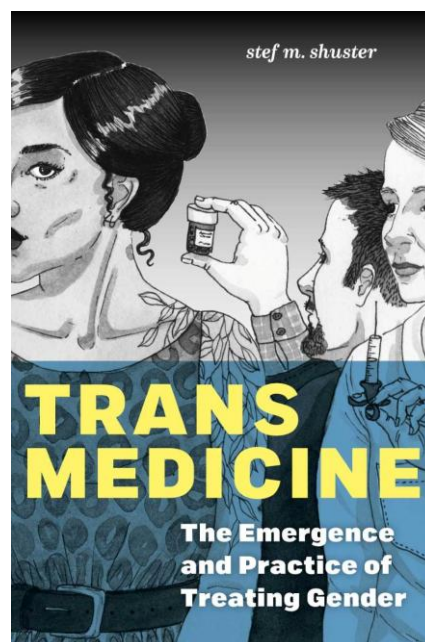
Uncertain Expertise in Trans Medicine

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Drawing on observations of trans health conferences and interviews with health professionals who work with transgender and nonbinary patients, I examine how care providers manage uncertainty in this medical field. I found that providers rely on cultural norms and gut instinct to craft their treatment plans, interact with patients, and make medical decisions. But health professionals are not a homogenous group. Some took on an “uncertain expert” stance by leaning into the uncertainty pervasive in trans medicine and flexible in their approach to care delivery. Others took on a “self-assured expert” stance by doubling-down on their authority and the need for patients to convince them that they were “really” trans. As a consequence of these various strategies, some providers may unintentionally perpetuate healthcare inequities.



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