

Clinical Director of the Gender Affirmation Program, Shannon Whittington, Takes the Spotlight in *Crain's Health Pulse*



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Meet more notable LGBTQ+ leaders who work in health care

New York has long been the site of many milestones in the LGBTQ+ movement, and today remains an epicenter of diversity and activism. According to the American LGBTQ+ Museum, the metropolitan area is home to more than three quarters of a million LGBTQ+ adults, more than any other region in the country. This year, Crain's selected 95 individuals who self-identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning or queer and who are outstanding professionals in their industries and communities. More than 30 members of the class work in health care, from hospitals to community groups, including these five. Read about the full LGBTQ+ leaders class [here](#).

Shannon Whittington, Clinical director of the Gender Affirmation Program, VNS Health

VNS Health advises clinicians in the care of transgender and nonbinary patients. Since 2016, the organization has helped hundreds of New Yorkers access the care they need, including gender transitions. Whittington helped conceive a forthcoming research project, to be conducted by VNS Health in concert with the Center for Home Care Policy and Research, whose goal is to close the knowledge gap on patient care after gender-affirming surgery. She received a Quality and Innovation Award from the Home Care Association of New York State and the Daisy Award for Extraordinary Nurses.

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