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Carey Candrian is an associate professor in the Division of General Internal Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and a Cambia Health Foundation Sojourns Scholar. She is on the Board of Directors at GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ Equality. She received her MA in Organizational Communication and PhD in Health Communication from the University of Colorado. She completed post-doctoral training in Health Literacy from the Institute of Communication and Health at the University of Lugano, Switzerland.

Carey’s research examines how communication affects outcomes in healthcare -- and specifically how it impacts older lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) adults, and those who care for them. She has spent much of her career investigating how healthcare suffers when patients aren’t able to be open with medical professionals about who and what matters most to them.

She is a community-based researcher working to create more inclusive assisted living communities. She has been an advocate for the routine collection of sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) data in hospice. Ultimately her goal is to effect change in communication systems and at the policy level so that older LGBT adults receive the support they and their loved ones want, when they need it most.

Her work has been funded by the National Institute on Aging, the Cambia Health Foundation, The Colorado Health Foundation, The Colorado Trust, The Next50 Initiative and The Lesbian Health Fund. She has appeared on Colorado Public Radio, NPR’s *Here and Now*, PBS NewHour’s *Brief But Spectacular* and SXSW for her work advancing health equity for LGBT older adults. Her book, *Communicating Care at the End of Life*, was published by Peter Lang in 2015.

Originally from Tucson, Carey now resides in Denver.