Gender definitions:

Intersexual: of ambiguous gender; neither male nor female at birth; (are we using this term interchangeably with androgynous?)

Based on the more common 2 gender system gender is defined in 3 ways:

1. Culturally:
   - males: look and act like men
   - Females: look and act like womyn
2. Biologically/genitally:
   - males: possess testes and penises
   - females: possess ovaries and vaginas
3. Biologically/Chromosomally (the norm being the presence of exactly 2 gender chromosomes)
   - males: XY
   - females: XX

Under the 2 gender system, current practice for American physicians is to surgically assign gender to intersexual infants at birth based on the viability of the available genitalia to eventually appear normal; with no consideration of genetic/biological reality.*

As a result there are potentially millions of XX males and XY females living in the United States today, IE.
   - Men that are culturally and genitally male but genetically (chromosomally) female.
   - Women that are culturally and genitally female but genetically(chromosomally) male.*

Expanding the 2 gender system;

at birth:
Herms: testes and ovaries (what about genitalia?)
merms: testes and female genitalia w/o ovaries
Ferms: ovaries and male genitalia w/o testes

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