https://www.gendermapper.org/product-page/informational-flyer

Ohio Gender Map Notes

Ohio Gender Map is a map of providers, therapists and other medical staff that provide puberty blockers, wrong sex hormones and surgeries to minors and young adults.

The purpose of this map is to provide evidence that "gender affirming" procedures are rampant throughout Ohio and in some cases, on children with permission of their parents. Parents cannot find the help we need as we are hamstrung by activists who claim to be helpful therapists and engage in coercive type behavior in order to force parents to go along with these treatments. Some hospitals have sent staff to testify against parents who have taken their chances in court and lost custody for not cooperating. It is our hope that once legislators review the evidence that these procedures are not evidence based and are harmful to this vulnerable population and will take action to end the procedures and return to the watch and wait approach that was so commonly used 10 years ago.

The following Children's Hospitals now have "transgender" wings. Some of these hospitals are protected by a local conversion therapy ban which prevents any therapist from denying that a child who self identifies is "born in the wrong body". Gender dysphoria is the belief that their "sex assigned at birth" is incorrect and therefore, it must be "reassigned" to the opposite sex with non FDA approved drugs and procedures.

It is important to note that even though these practices state that they do not do surgery on minors, all of them will do them at 18, which is considered adolescence, defined as 18-21. They should be protected as well in Ohio as stated by the NIH: Rather than age 10-19 years, a definition of 10-24 years corresponds more closely to adolescent growth and popular understandings of this life phase and would facilitate extended investments across a broader range of settings. (https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30169257)

Cincinnati

1. Cincinnati Children's Transgender Clinic Began 2013 Dr. Conard says consults are done in all 4 of these locations:

- 1. 3333 Burnet Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45229
- 2. 7777 Yankee Road Liberty Township, OH 45044
- 3. Green Township 5899 Harrison Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45248.
- 4. 3050 Mack Rd, Fairfield, OH 45014, United States

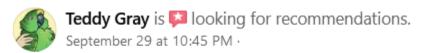
SURGEONS: Cincinnati Children's Refers Minors for Bilateral Mastectomies to:

1. Robinson

https://theplasticsurgerygroup.com/surgeons/dr-robinson/Locations:

1. 4850 Red Bank Expressway Cincinnati, OH 45227

- 2. 340 Thomas More Parkway Crestview Hills, KY 41017
- 7162 Liberty Centre Drive, Suite C West Chester, OH 45069



Anyone near this area who will fix a botched surgery from Robinson? Had my surgery June 2020, had several complications and it wasn't until I was healing that I started to see all the bad reviews on him. I paid out of pocket for the first surgery and will have to again



Cincinnati Children's Transgender Clinic boasts over 1500 patients seen since 2013. In 2018, they reported seeing 800 to over 2094 visits in 2019 per Living With Change's website. The majority of their patients are female.

2021 - Their social worker is a transgender identifying female to male.

Kaeden Kass, MSW, LSW is a licensed social worker at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC) Transgender Clinic, where he works alongside a diverse

clinical team to support the physical, mental and emotional health of transgender youth and their families. Prior to his position at CCHMC, Kass spent many years as a sexuality educator and HIV care coordinator at Planned Parenthood and Equitas Health, with a particular focus in queer and trans populations. As a transgender male, Kass is passionate about advancing social justice and health equity among marginalized populations, both on the micro and macro levels.

In a court custody battle the Director, Dr. Conard stated 100% of cases were medicalized. The parents lost custody of their child for not agreeing to medical treatment in 2015. This case is ongoing. CCT works closely and funded by the Ciccinelli family and Living With Change (www.livingwithchange.org) and are in partnership with Planned Parenthood, sending their 18 and older patients to Planned Parenthood for their HRT. Videos are posted of other children who have been medically transitioned and then become speakers for Living with Change as young adults. Beginning in 2020, their son's name was changed legally. Dr. Conard is featured in all of their website pictures, attends all fundraisers alongside city councilman Mr. Seelbach who wrote and installed a local city conversion therapy ban which includes gender identity. In 2015 after Josh (Leelah) Acorn who was a minor identifying as transgender committed suicide by walking into traffic, the ban was passed and still exists today. The minor left a suicide note stating that is parents did not accept him and it was determined by Mr. Seelbach that they were committing "conversion therapy". This means that any therapist caught trying to align a child with the natal birth sex with talk therapy can be fined. Seelbach seeks out such therapists and publicly outs them with a press release. The family is consistently in the media, speaking out against the proposed Vulnerable Child Protection Act and the recent Save Girls Sport Act. They stated in an interview that they are medically transitioning their

biological son with puberty blockers in 2020. In 2021, their newsletter features Laurel Hubbard, the male to female weightlifter.

Articles:

Alcorn: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leelah_Alcorn

Alcorn's parents were crucified in the media:

https://www.towleroad.com/2014/12/savagealcorn/

Conversion Therapy Ban:

https://www.wlwt.com/article/leaf-blowers-gas-electric-cordless/37710825 Push Back:

https://www.wlwt.com/article/group-asking-for-repeal-of-cincinnati-s-lgbt-conversion-therapy-ban/3560847

Story 1. A. Kurtz arrived at Cincinnati Children's as a child with severe kidney disease and was struggling with mental health. Kurtz self identiied as transgender and has been going through medical treatments possibly including breast augmentation is pictured on Cincinnati billboards and commercials selling transition of children to the public. Kurtz has been speaking to other children's hospitals outside of Cincinnati - Dayton Children's to expand these treatments throughout the state. In a recent article it was stated that Kurtz "wants her story to encourage other transgender teenagers who might feel trapped in the dark place she inhabited between 13 and 15. Talking publicly about it is hard, but she's battled worse than stage fright. "(I hope) there won't be a kid who stares at the bars in the bathroom, there won't be a kid who just struggles to stay alive," she said. "What's a little bit of me being uncomfortable for the fate of tons of trans kids?"

Story 2. LC Cicconelli Family hosted the fundraiser in 2020 as they began medically transitioning their son at age 10, socially, age 4. The first year, they donated \$2 million. Go to www.livingwithchange.org for their full story. They are very open about their son wishing to wear dresses, the likely homophobic father being macho and not happy that his son disliked sports and demanded to wear dresses to dinner. The family business is selling sex toys through Pure Romance. They are also pictured in all the fundraisers, this year, banking \$300,000. You cannot separate this family from the funding of the hospital that in return is transitioning their child, who is attending grade school as a girl, name changed

by Betsy Sunderman (2021 City Council Candidate)



Thank you so much to all of our donors, sponsors, and supporters! the Living With Change Every Journey Matters Gala raised \$301,000 for the LWC Center for Gender Health at Cincinnati Children's and our scholarship programs.

To see everyone show up and show their love for this organization shows us that embracing change and acceptance is possible in the world. We know that not every child has the advantage of this community. This journey is a challenge. That's why we want to give



We challenge you to increase trans visibility. Do your research. Respect pronouns. Be an ally. We can make this world a better place for our child, and many other children who are going through similar journeys.







See attached 2021 Living with Change Newsletter

https://www.wcpo.com/news/our-community/how-family-support-cincinnati-childrens-hospital-helped-transgender-teen-allison-kurtz-save-her-own-life

Living With Change - Gender Map address: 655 Plum Street Cincinnati Ohio 45202

Detailed discussion can be found here:

Part 1:

https://4thwavenow.com/2018/02/17/cincinnati-trans-teen-custody-decision-more-than-meets-thee-eye

Part 2: https://4thwavenow.com/2018/02/19/cincinnati-trans-teen-custody-case-legal-analysis/

2. University of Cincinnati Health (UC Health)

U.C. Health 7700 University Drive West Chester, Ohio 45069 Phone: (513) 298-3000 (need to check on minors)

ADD: Partnered with U.C. Health: Lindner Center of Hope 4075 Old Western Row Road, Mason Ohio 45040

https://www.uchealth.com/en/media-room/articles/transgender-medicine-treats-the-whole-self-uniquely

<u>Primary Care, Women's Health, Family Medicine, Gynecology, Obstetrics, Family Planning & Contraception,</u> **Transgender Care, Adolescent Care**



UC Health \ Healthcare Services

Endocrinology, Diabetes & Met

Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism at UC Health is widely recognized for excellence in patient care. We provide tertiary level clinical care for all endocrine disorders, ranging from diabetes, pituitary, adrenal, bone, lipid and thyroid disorders. We also provide integrated transgender endocrine care, as well as care for adolescent patients with endocrine disorders as they transition to adulthood. Recognized by Best Doctors in America and Top Doctors in Cincinnati, our physicians are nown for excellence.

Transgender medicine calls natural puberty an "endocrine disorder" and below mentions adolescent patients with endocrine disorders as they transition...."

Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism | UC Health https://www.uchealth.com/services/diabetes-endocrinology/www.uchealth.com > ... > Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism



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Also accessible to minors for wrong sex hormones, listed under U.C. Health's transgender section: https://www.folxhealth.com/clinicians Note: A CSN parent was able to get through the entire website and order the wrong sex hormones without an I.D. Any minor can get on this website. Then, pornographic materials were sent to the email that the parent used for the website. So, any parent can order wrong sex hormones for their child and any child can order without the parent's knowledge or consent. None of these clinicians are from Ohio, it's all virtual, including an instructional video on how to self inject the HRT and links to sex toys, webinars hosted by older transexuals.

The UC Health Obstetrics & Gynecology team also offers surgical options that may be part of a transgender patient's transition care:

- Hysterectomy (removal of the uterus).
- Oophorectomy (removal of the ovaries).
- Sterilization.

"Our dedicated healthcare teams from different subspecialties are committed to serving our patients from the community and the region," said Ayman Mahdy, MD, PhD, interim chief of Urology, associate professor in the Department of Surgery at the UC College of Medicine, R. Bruce and Barbara Bracken Endowed Chair in Surgical Urology, director of Voiding Dysfunction and Female Urology, medical director of Urology at West Chester Hospital, and a UC Health urology surgeon.

"Scientific literature informs us that transgender and nonbinary gendered individuals experience depression and anxiety at higher rates than the general population and that suicide risk is one of the major health disparities in this population," said Stephen Rush, MD

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Gender-affirming chest surgery, also called "top surgery," involves masculinizing the chest (breast reduction/removal) or feminizing the chest (breast implantations). (bilateral mastectomy)

"Our goal is to provide world-class reconstructive and aesthetic surgery for the range of conditions encountered at an academic health system," said W. John Kitzmiller, MD, professor in the Department of Surgery at the UC College of Medicine; chief, Division of Plastic, Reconstructive & Hand Surgery/Burn Surgery and a UC Health physician.

"For so many of our transgender patients, they have been marginalized, and they've been on the outskirts of medicine, and that's because they've been discriminated against," Dr. Pickle said.

In patient locations that Dr. Conard consults patients here, she has stated herself.

ADD to Gender Map: Cincinnati Children's College Hill 5642 Hamilton Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45224

513-636-0800 ARTICLES

Cleveland

3. Cleveland Clinic

Lakewood 14601 Detroit Ave.Lakewood, Ohio 44107



★★★★ 4.9 out of 5210 Patient Satisfaction Ratings47 Patient Comments

Henry Ng, MD

TITLE Director - Transgender Surgery & Medicine Program,
Head - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Medical Care

DEPARTMENT Internal Medicine and Geriatrics

PRIMARY LOCATION Lakewood Family Health Center

TYPE OF DOCTOR Both Adults and Children & Adolescents

LANGUAGES American Sign Language, Cantonese, English,
Spanish

SURGEON No.

My insurance just approved for me to see Dr. Cecile Ferrando for GCS

I live in Illinois and on IL Medicaid. I just got news that my insurance approved for me to see Dr. Cecile Ferrando at Cleveland Clinic. I'm so happy. I had a dream last night with me getting the surgery and Brian Cranston sang to me afterwards. It was a strange dream.

Summary: For transgender and non-binary patients patients, Cleveland Clinic's <u>Transgender Medicine and Surgery Program</u> offers routine medical care tailored specifically to patients' needs, as well as transition-specific services including mental health support and therapy, gender-affirming hormone therapy and surveillance, and gender-affirming surgery. https://my.clevelandclinic.org/about/community/lgbt-health/transgender-surgical-services

https://my.clevelandclinic.org/about/community/lgbt-health/transgender-surgical-services#treatments-procedures-tab

https://my.clevelandclinic.org/about/community/lgbt-health

https://my.clevelandclinic.org/search?q=gender%20affirming%20surgery

https://my.clevelandclinic.org/about/community/lgbt-health/transgender-surgical-services/before-after-photos#vaginoplasty-tab

https://my.clevelandclinic.org/pediatrics/departments/gender-understanding-identity-expression https://my.clevelandclinic.org/about/community/lgbt-health/transgender-surgical-services/before-after-photos#mastectomies-tab

Mastectomy pictures before and after

https://my.clevelandclinic.org/pediatrics/departments/gender-understanding-identity-expression# overview-tab

https://my.clevelandclinic.org/podcasts/health-essentials/gender-affirmation-surgeries-and-carewith-dr-cecile-ferrando?fbclid=lwAR0lrmprElAK2_l_nviGh76t2PfHoZ32N6MjlaJxJZMrYaazRd-byocXCWE



Cecile Ferrando, MD, MPH

DEPARTMENT Obstetrics and Gynecology and Women's
Health Institute

PRIMARY LOCATION Cleveland Clinic Main Campus

TYPE OF DOCTOR Adults Only

LANGUAGES English, French, Spanish

https://consultqd.clevelandclinic.org/transgender-program-addresses-unique-patient-community s-needs/

From facial surgery to top surgery and bottom surgery, gender affirmation surgeries are procedures that help people transition to their self-identified gender. Indeed, the vast majority of patients who choose gender affirmation surgeries report improved mental health and quality of life. Reconstructive surgery specialist Cecile Ferrando, MD, MPH, talks gender affirmation surgery and other topics in transgender healthcare, including how to support a loved one throughout the transition process. Ferrando states: "It's hard for some families to wrap their around what either their child is going through or their spouse's going through. These kinds of changes don't just affect the person. They affect their entire micro community or their family. So we also spend time referring families to various resources so that they have family support as well. Podcast sponsored by Cleveland Children's Hospital and Cleveland Clinic.

https://my.clevelandclinic.org/departments/neurological/depts/multiple-sclerosis/ms-approaches/care-of-the-transgendered-individual

https://www.metrohealth.org/lgbtqi-pride-network

2. Murat Altinay, MD

Cleveland Clinic Surgery Center 2070 East 90th Street Cleveland, OH 44195

Shilpa Gupta, M.D.

3. University Hospital, Cleveland Ohio, 11100 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, OH 44106

https://www.news5cleveland.com/news/local-news/oh-cuyahoga/university-hospitals-new-lgbtq-clinic-offers-gender-affirmation-surgeries

Robert Hillier knew early on that who he was on the inside, didn't match the outside.

"I was really young when I knew I wasn't in the right body," he said.

He was biologically born a female and came out as a lesbian at 14-years-old.

"I had short hair. I wore boy clothes. I always felt like it wasn't enough, that wasn't it," said Hillier. "I got a little older and deeper into Facebook and Google and all the community. The more I learned about trans-people, and trans-men trans-women, non-binary people, I was learning more about what made sense."

At 18-years-old he came out as transgender and began taking hormones for his transition, which he said are more easily obtained than finding a surgeon who can perform gender affirmation surgeries.

Dr. Gupta: "It's an expansive, comprehensive program with the explicit aim of taking care of the physical, mental, emotional needs of all patients of all ages," said Dr. Gupta.

Whether it's finding an LGBTQ-friendly primary care physician, parents who want to talk to mental health experts about how their child identifies, or **gender affirmation surgeries like vaginoplasty and phalloplasty**, he said they can do it all."

Gender Affirmation (Confirmation) or Sex Reassignment Surgery

therapy to increase masculine or feminine characteristics, such as your amount of body hair or vocal tone. **Puberty blockers** to prevent you from going through **puberty**. Voice therapy to adjust your voice or tone or

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Principal Investigator

Dr. Gupta disclosed receiving \$5,000 - \$9,999 from Pfizer, Inc. for serving on a scientific advisory board or other research advisory board committee in the previous 12-months.

Specialists at University Hospitals offer transgender and gender-nonconforming people safe and effective options to achieve comfort with their gender choices. We offer comprehensive transgender health services and support in a safe, welcoming environment, including:

- Behavioral health: For eligibility and readiness assessments, our team will provide a complete psychological evaluation and follow-up.
- Gynecology: To determine general gynecologic health and treat any gynecologic issues, our gynecologists can provide routine primary care for transgender patients. In addition, our team can direct hormone manipulation and determine the need for a referral to other specialists, such as gender-related surgeons.
- Primary care: Basic and preventive health is important for all patients for routine health screenings or to simply monitor overall health. Our transgender medicine specialists can help each patient meet their health goals and provide referrals for any clinical specialization required.

Call our dedicated gender care patient navigator at 216-286-LGBT (5428) to schedule a consultation with transgender care specialist at University Hospitals.

Individualized Support for Transition-Related Healthcare

We know that gender transition is a highly individualized process.

For some patients, living in agreement with one's gender identity is satisfactory. Other patients seek complete medical transition, including hormone replacement therapy and/or gender-related surgeries.

Knowledgeable specialists at University Hospitals work with each patient to identify and meet their unique gender-related needs.

Safe, Evidence-Based Gender Transition

Helping patients find the best treatments and procedures for their individual health needs in a safe, welcoming environment is part of our commitment to comprehensive care. These may include:

- Counseling and psychotherapy
- Gynecologic and urologic care
- Primary care
- Reproductive options
- Surgical gender affirmation procedures
- Voice and communication therapy

Patients must be 18 years old to undergo gender transition and the required psychological evaluation. For those who want a complete surgical gender transformation, the plastic surgeons at University Hospitals offer breast implantation, reduction or augmentation. Additionally, we offer patients the surgical services of highly qualified, reconstructive urologists for male to female (MTF) and female to male (FTM) genital reconstruction.

After gender transition, we provide continuity of care with the highest level of specialized behavioral medicine expertise throughout the transition.

Personalized Care for Individual Needs

If gender transition is part of your personal goal, our surgeons and staff offer individualized support before, during and after every aspect of care, including counseling, hormone replacement therapy and surgery.

Our staff understands the journey. Our goal is to help patients feel psychologically whole and gender-complete. Staff mentions: Reconstructive urologist, Shubham Gupta, MD collaborates with plastic surgeon, Tobias Long, MD, to remove the external male genitalia and create a vagina that is both functional and aesthetically pleasing. This procedure is called vaginoplasty- Vaginoplasty is a surgical procedure during which surgeons remove the penis and testicles and create a functional vagina. This achieves resolution of gender dysphoria and allows for sexual activity with compatible genitalia. The highly sensitive skin and tissues from the penis are preserved and used to construct the vaginal lining and build a clitoris, resulting in genitals with appropriate sensations. Scrotal skin is used to increase the depth of the vaginal canal. Penile, scrotal and groin skin are refashioned to make the labia majora and minora, and the urethral opening is relocated to an appropriate female position. The final result is an anatomically congruent, aesthetically appealing, and functionally intact vagina. Unless there is a medical reason to do so, the prostate gland is not removed.

https://www.uhhospitals.org/services/gender-care-services/services-and-treatments/transgender-medicine

4. UH Children and Rainbow Babies 2101 Adelbert Road Cleveland, OH 44106 https://www.uhhospitals.org/services/gender-care-services/services-and-treatments/transgender-medicine

University Hospitals urologist, Shubham Gupta, MD, discusses gender dysphoria, a medical term used to describe a condition in which a person's gender identity – an internal and innate sense of oneself as being male or female – is incompatible with the external sexual characteristics present at birth. Any surgical procedure designed to align a person's internal sense of self with their external physical and sexual characteristics is known as gender affirmation surgery. UH LGBQ GenderCare is the only comprehensive program in the Northeast

Ohio region offering phalloplasty, metoidioplasty, vaginoplasty and other FTM and MTF genital gender affirmation procedures.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=En3gEGVCiFA

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Columbus

- Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus 700 Childrens Dr, Columbus, OH a. 43205Nationwide Children's ,187 W Schrock Rd, Westerville, OH 43081 b. Nationwide Children's Ohio Pediatric Care Alliance Springfield 1644 N Limestone St 45503
- C. 4434 Crossroads Center, Columbus, OH 43232, United States 2021 Podcast: www.Pediacastcme.org Dr. Mike Patrick, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Ohio State University College of Medicine and Medical Director of Interactive Media for Nationwide, Emergency Medicine manuscript available upon request.

"Natural puberty is called "irreversible puberty", even though 85% or more of kids would desist with mental health therapy. This is not mentioned ONCE.

As for the Thrive Gender Program goes, we have a multidisciplinary team that involves psychiatry, counseling and therapy, and social workers, and our adolescent medicine colleagues and endocrinology, pediatric endocrinology. And we take a very individualized approach by getting to know our families extremely well. With significant behavioral health involvement to help understand not what the gender the child or adolescent is because that's only something that a person can say for themselves, but how much mature they are and how well do they know themselves. We all know that no two fourteen-year-olds are alike. We have some 14-year-olds going on 30, we have some 14-year-olds going on 9, we have some 14-year-olds going on 15. And I use those in extreme ways just to illustrate the point that age is not the only way to determine a young person's ability to know themselves. So, by getting to know our families, really well and helping families create a place in a family culture of acceptance for all forms of gender expression, and all forms of gender identity, what that does is allows us to then working with the young person to really figure out what their needs are and tease out what different aspects of their life are impacting their emotional social and physical development. By doing so, we can then collaboratively figure out – are they someone who would benefit from gender affirming medical intervention or not. And I should also say that gender affirming medical interventions can be done by the pediatrician in the community. So, for example, if you have a young person who is distressed by their period or their menstrual cycle, which is often a hallmark of indication that a young person is going through something related to their gender, although, not always, a pediatrician can certainly start with menstrual suppression, that is something that is a reversible intervention and that is frequently used in many other situations not just with gender dysphoria. Similarly for a young person who is feminine or a trans girl, we often will use something called spironolactone, an androgen reducing agent that is also reversible that helps the person feel like they are being affirmed while we take that time to figure out what is going on for them, all the different factors related to their emotional and social wellbeing.

. As a child gets older for young adolescents as their body starts to go through irreversible puberty if you think about it by definition for a transgender person going through the puberty that is not associated with their gender identity can be pretty devastating. And that leads to really irreversible, devastating outcomes for the rest of their lives that can be very challenging to und should a transgender person go through their first puberty, and go through a second puberty, parents often tell me how difficult one puberty is o, let alone2, therefor we ascribe to using puberty blockers which is a medicine that halts puberty. It is largely reversible meaning if you were to block puberty with puberty blockers and then you were to stop puberty with puberty blockers, the young child's puberty would then go, would then take place. (hard to understand 54:57) Now we are suppressing puberty to buy time for that young person to be older and become more mature and better able to be in a place to make decisions about more irreversible treatments which include the gender affirming hormone treatments such as testosterone or estrogen, however I should say not all young people who are transgender first of all even or desire to go through any form of a gender affirming medicine, some may feel comfortable waiting until older. Some are experiencing gender dysphoria in a very significant way earl on and therefore, again, this is a very individual process that is based on a lot of different factors including the fact that parental support and consent is extremely important and crucial. What gender affirming hormones would do for a more mature adolescent is they would produce the affects that would create a puberty of the gender associated with their assigned sex at birth. So, for example, in a transgender boy, it would deepen their voice, it would create a perhaps facial hair in the future, it would perhaps change their muscle mass in a way that is more consistent with the secondary characteristics of boys or men. And for a transgender girl, estrogen would create a development of breasts, it would create a softening of their skin, redistribute fat in a way that is more typical of women and then in surgery.....This is a whole host of different surgeries that exist for transgender people. Not all transgender people feel the need to move forward with different surgeries. But I can say that it is very complex the decisions on surgery are largely based on emotional maturity of the young person, how long that they have been experiencing their own gender dysphoria, howe impaired their life is as a result of not obtaining surgery and the surgery that is more likely to be recommended for a person who is still a minor would be a top surgery or a chest reconstruction, masculinization surgery, for a transgender boy simply because for a boy who has been living as a boy (57:43), and on testosterone for years at this point and their entire life is, is going remarkably well all things said, the presence of chest anatomy which is consistent with being a girl could be extremely difficult, it limits them from participating in a swimming or taking a shirt off in the summer and just feeling overall a comfort with themselves or even having to bind everything every sing day binding their chest can be very difficult. Again, we base decisions for these different levels of intervention based on maturity, and a whole host of other factors that's a complex individualized process.

Mike: We have a national audience here. Liebowitz: I would encourage people to search for a clinic that is more local to them. Part of the benefit of our program is that we do take a deep dive into the mental health issues and understanding the identity as a whole and I think that's often where families feel best when it comes to this, the same time we realize that there are

many multidisciplinary gender identity clinics out there and I would encourage parents who may want a model of care that is similar to the Thrive program to be upfront with the doctors in the other clinics and say to them -hey, listen, I am here to support my child, I want what's best for my child, I want to be both affirm who they are and also make sure that we are all collaborative coming to the right decision when it comes to medical interventions

Added a pediatric fertility specialist trained at Boston Children's, the first gender clinic.



Leena Nahata, '06 MD

Leena Nahata's early career success has already made her an international expert on fertility preservation and pediatric reproductive health. An associate professor of Clinical Pediatrics at The Ohio State University College of Medicine and a board-certified pediatric endocrinologist, Nahata is founder and medical director of the Fertility and Reproductive Health Program at Nationwide Children's Hospital, which is now among the most preeminent programs in the country. She completed her pediatrics residency at Lurie Children's Hospital/Northwestern University and her pediatric endocrinology fellowship at Boston Children's Hospital/Harvard Medical School

As an NIH-funded principal investigator in the Center for Biobehavioral Health at the Abigail Wexner Research Institute, Nahata is leading and collaborating on several clinical research studies focused on improving reproductive and psychosocial outcomes in pediatric populations at risk for infertility. In 2019 she received an NIH/National Cancer Institute K08 career development award to develop a novel family-centered fertility preservation decision tool for adolescent males with cancer.

She has authored over 90 peer-reviewed manuscripts and book chapters, serves as the chair of the Pediatric Initiative Network of the Oncofertility Consortium, and contributes to fertility guidelines sponsored by several major pediatrics organizations

 $\underline{\text{https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/about-us/collaboratory/mental-and-behavioral-healt}}\\ \underline{\text{h/commitment-transgender-gender-diverse-youth}}$

https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/find-a-doctor/profiles/scott-f-leibowitz

Scott F. Leibowitz, MD, has been working in the field of gender dysphoria and diversity in youth since 2008 during his fellowship training at Boston Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School. He is the co-chairman of the Sexual Orientation Gender Identity Issues Committee for the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and is on the faculty for the World Professional Association of Transgender Health's Global Education Initiative. Clinically he works with gender diverse youth of all ages, and his academic area of interest is related to improving gender and sexuality competence for providers across disciplines. He is currently the Medical Director of Behavioral Health for Nationwide Children's THRIVE gender development program, serving gender diverse youth of all ages within a multidisciplinary settings, but is also a named Expert Educator, involved in curricular development at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. Dr. Leibowitz has been involved in advocacy efforts nationally as an expert witness on conversion therapy and transgender youth's rights within public settings. He is a leading national and international authority on the mental health and wellbeing of LGBTQ youth.

*Liebowitz continues to lie about what the bill would do to protect children and continues to put sexual orientation next to gender identity. None of the drugs (HRT or wrong sex hormones), puberty blockers, or surgeries are WPATH guidelines, FDA approved or evidence based. All are experimental. He has yet to provide evidence based proof that medical interventions in children will lend positive long term outcomes.

https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2020/02/11/ohio-bill-would-punish-doctors-who-provide-gender-affirming-treatment-transgender-kids/4715761002/

Summary: THRIVE is a program that specializes in care for differences of sexual development (DSD), gender development and complex urological conditions. *Our Mission: To provide individualized evidence-based care in a manner that values physical and mental health.*Additionally, we are committed to working with community providers and organizations on the behalf of our patients and families.

One in 137 American teenagers identifies as transgender. One in 2,000 children have a difference of sex development. At Nationwide Children's Hospital, we know there is no "one size-fits-all" model when it comes to supporting our patients.

- Our THRIVE program (Team-driven Healthcare that Respects Individuals and Values Emotions) includes a multidisciplinary specialty team that works hand-in-hand with families to create individual care paths.
- We work with each patient ensuring we take a holistic approach to address both their psychological and physical needs.

Our program is dedicated to providing optimal care for individuals and family members presenting as gender diverse and/or with a DSD, or a complex urological condition.

Commitment to Transgender and Gender Diverse Youth

Nationwide Children's Hospital exists to improve health outcomes for all children. We nurture and promote all aspects of child health – physical, behavioral, mental, emotional – so that every child can reach their full potential.

The care we provide is informed by medical and scientific evidence, and on the conditions and circumstances of each individual patient. It is based on well-recognized standards of care developed by the country's leading mainstream medical organizations. As one of the United States' largest children's hospitals, we help children from every background, with many different needs.

To help fulfill our mission, Nationwide Children's has long operated the <u>THRIVE Gender</u> <u>Development Program</u>. That team consists of experts in adolescent medicine, behavioral health, **endocrinology**, clinical medical social work and psychiatry who engage with families of transgender and gender diverse youth.

It is our duty to care for them and to promote their wellbeing. It is also our duty to share our clinical understanding and the most recent scientific evidence with elected officials who are

considering policies that stand to harm our patients, and in this case increase the stigma and isolation that they feel because of their identities.

That is why Nationwide Children's opposes legislation in Ohio, and throughout the United States, that limits the ability of transgender youth to participate in sports, to receive the care they should have, or that otherwise targets and marginalizes them because of who they are.

Nationwide Children' works with hundreds of families across Ohio to help transgender children thrive. Policies and laws that target them only make this goal less achievable. Even though Dr. Liebowitz states that they do not do gender affirming surgeries, this is certainly on the horizon as he has relationships with Olsen Kennedy and other radicals in the field.

See Scott Liebowitz profile, 2022 (separate document)

https://medicine.osu.edu/diversity

https://stonewallcolumbus.org/trans-resource-directory/

https://medicine.osu.edu/find-faculty/clinical/family-medicine/andrew-keaster-md

Adolescents: https://medicine.osu.edu/find-faculty/clinical/family-medicine/james-e-questel-do

https://medicine.osu.edu/find-faculty/clinical/family-medicine/melissa-davis-md

https://medicine.osu.edu/find-faculty/clinical/family-medicine/maria-barnett-do

Support Groups

https://stonewallcolumbus.org/programs/support-groups/transgender-therapy-group/

https://medicine.osu.edu/departments/family-medicine

2022 Articles:

https://health.osu.edu/wellness/prevention/gender-affirming-care?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=paid-social&utm_campaign=med_general-engagement_fy22_corp-contentengine&fbcli_d=lwAR2n5clM5yyskr8g11OtQqpE_DZq8wlf5K1JDkn53Lbi6c72O2oLQzdKuGo_

- 2. Ohio Health (Columbus Ohio) Near Ohio State University (2 locations)
- a. OhioHealth Physician Group

41 S High St Ste 25

Columbus, OH 43215 P: (614) 533-6740

F: (614) 533-6566

(3) OhioHealth Physician Group

262 Neil Ave Ste 230 Columbus, OH 43215

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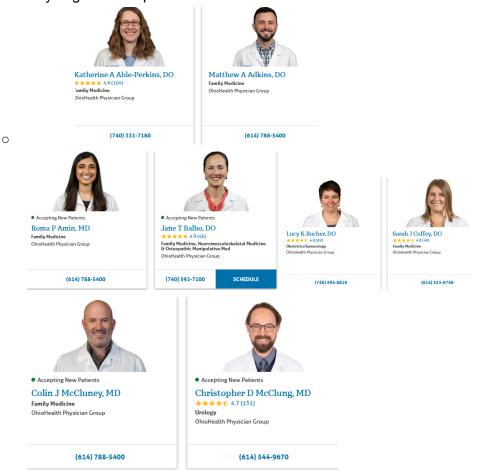
P: (614) 533-6700 F: (614) 533-6577

Primary Care Services

Gender-affirming hormonal therapy

Gender Affirming Surgical Procedures

- Orchiectomy removal of the testes
- Vaginoplasty removal of penis, scrotum, and testicles, and creation of vagina using penile skin
- Metoidioplasty creation of a penis by releasing hormonally enlarged clitoris. This
 includes the following procedures: (note, forearm skin is removed to form the penis)
 - Scrotoplasty creation of a scrotum, with testicular implants
 - Urethroplasty a urethral lengthening procedure done at the time of metoidioplasty
 - Vaginectomy removal and closure of the vaginal canal
 - Hysterectomy and Oophorectomy removal of the uterus and/or ovaries, in most cases done robotically to allow for outpatient surgery and a faster recovery, all done in collaboration with a local gynecologist Meet their team next page as they might show up in court.



"Dr Sarah Coffey is the worst doctor I've ever encountered! She violated HIIPA privacy laws, ordered unnecessary testing accruing exorbitant costs at my expense, and has made incorrect diagnoses which she refused to correct! Stay away from Dr Sarah Coffey...she's my biggest regret!!"

But wait, they forgot to list all the rest of the genders here on their webpage! (comic relief)

GENDER PREFERENCE	
	Female
	Male

4. Equitas Health - they boast 17 locations but only list 7? List all on the gender mapper.

https://equitashealth.com/services/transgender-health/ Summary:

- 5. Equitas Health, 4400 N High St, Suite 300, Columbus OH 43214
- 6. Elizabeth Roebuck, APRN Nurse Practitioner & Shanna Stryker MD, MPH Gilbert AveCincinnati OH 45206 **Phone** (513) 815-4475

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- 7. Mosaic Mimi Rivard, ANP, MSN, Ryan Hanson, MD 750 E. Long St., Suite 3000 Columbus OH 43203 (614) 340-6700 https://equitashealth.com/staff/ryan-hanson-md/
- 8. 2228 Summit Street Columbus OH 43201 (614) 572-0820
- 9. Short North Medical Center, Columbus 1033 N. High St. Columbus OH 43201(614) 340-6777 **Fax** 614-572-0914
- 10. Teagan Vaughn, PharmD, RPh Clinical Pharmacist 736 E. Long St. Columbus, OH 43203 **Pharmacy** Main: (614) 300-2334 Toll-Free: (866) 517-7725
- 11. Dayton Medical Center 1222 S. Patterson Blvd., Suite 230 Dayton OH 45402 (937) 853-3650 **Fax** (937) 853-4367

5. Ohio State University

https://wexnermedical.osu.edu/gender-affirming-care/transgender-primary-care-clinic

Gender-affirming services and treatments

- Bottom masculinizing and feminizing surgeries
- Chest masculinizing and feminizing surgeries
- Dermatology

- Facial feminizing surgery
- Hair removal
- Hormone replacement therapy
- Mental health services
- Obstetric and gynecologic care and fertility preservation (family planning)
- Physical therapy
- Primary Care
- Prosthetics
- Transition-related medical care
- Voice surgery
- Voice therapy

Our services are offered in safe and welcoming environments by teams of trusted health professionals. We work together to ensure that your care is coordinated and specific to your needs. Don't delay — schedule your medical care with Ohio State today.

The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center is one of only a few academic health centers in the country to offer bottom gender-affirming surgery. Beyond surgical options, we offer the full spectrum of care for our LGBTQ community. We have a dedicated team of medical experts in every field, and throu gh close collaboration aim to serve the LGBTQ population of Columbus and beyond.

Providers: https://wexnermedical.osu.edu/gender-affirming-care/our-team/surgical-providers

6. https://wexnermedical.osu.edu/find-a-doctor/brandon-pollak-md-64038

Resources listed:

https://wexnermedical.osu.edu/gender-affirming-care/patient-and-community-resources

AKRON

12. Akron Children's 214 West Bowery Street. Akron, Ohio 44308 https://www.akronchildrens.org/departments/Center-for-Gender-Affirming-Medicine.html

Adolescent Medicine offers the Center for Gender Affirming Medicine for transgender and LGBTQ+ youth. Our team includes gender-affirming physicians, a medical assistant, social worker, nurse coordinator, mental health therapist and endocrinologist.

We provide customized, thoughtful, evidence-based care with tools ranging from mental health therapy to medication to family support. Our goals are to help

gender-diverse youth feel comfortable exploring their gender identity and improve their overall health.

We provide:

- Pubertal suppression
- Gender-affirming hormones for older adolescents and young adults
- Mental health care coordination
- Well checks/preventive visits
- Education
- Supportive care for LGBTQ+ youth and their families

https://inside.akronchildrens.org/2021/06/07/akron-childrens-helps-transgender-ryace-boyer-be-her-true-self/

Akron Children's helps transgender Ryace Boyer be her true self. June 7, 2021 by Harlan Spector

The family support Ryace receives from her older brother, Aiden, and parents, Stephen and Danielle, have given her the confidence she needs to be herself.

Ryace Boyer is a 13-year-old from a small farming town outside Marietta, Ohio. Last fall, she took a huge step toward continuing her life as a transgender person, when she connected with the <u>Center for Gender-Affirming Medicine</u> at Akron Children's Hospital.

From an early age, it was clear to her parents that Ryace's gender identity did not match the sex assigned to her at birth.

At age 3, she asked Santa for girls' things. When Ryace and older brother Aiden would play "The Dukes of Hazard," she always played the part of Daisy Duke.

Her parents, Stephen and Danielle Boyer, always treated Ryace as a girl, and many people in the community assumed by her long, blond hair, feminine facial features and mannerisms that she was a girl.

"In our hearts and minds, our plan was to see this child for who she is," said Danielle. "It doesn't matter if she's male or female. She's a human being who deserves love."

That family support has given Ryace confidence to be herself, and helped her win hearts and minds in her community. She comes across as well-spoken and poised. She feels accepted at Warren Middle School, where she cheerleads and does a weekly

school news program. She's a singer and actress. She participates in 4-H, bought two horses on her own and competes in horse shows at the county fair.

Living in a rural area can be especially difficult for transgender people. But Ryace said she has several friend groups and has not had any problems with other students.

"If I do have a problem, it's the parents. It's never the child," she said.

One parent objected to her using the girls' bathroom at school. The school district sided with Ryace, saying transgender students can use the bathroom that matches their gender identity.

Since Ryace made it known that she's trans, other kids have reached out to her about their struggles with **gender identity and sexual orientation**.

"One kid, it broke my heart. He asked me, 'How did you get your parents to accept you?'," she said.

As she approached puberty, Ryace was certain that she did not want to develop facial hair and a deep voice. That's when she and her parents decided to seek help from the Center for Gender-Affirming Medicine at Akron Children's. Part of the <u>Division of Adolescent Medicine</u>, the center launched in 2019 with about 25 patients.

Today it has more than 200 patients.

Ryace receives support from the hospital's Center for Gender-Affirming Medicine in Akron. She has had appointments in person and through telehealth.

Center Medical Director <u>Dr. Crystal Cole</u> believed Ryace would benefit from hormone therapy that delays development of sex characteristics. After an initial in-person visit, Dr. Cole and the family have continued with telehealth visits.

Telehealth has made it possible for the center to expand its reach and help transgender kids who live far from specialized care. The Boyer family lives more than two hours from Akron.

"Finding resources for her has been a struggle," Dr. Cole said. "We can do a lot of care using telehealth. It saves them travel time, and if she were to need counseling services, she can access that."

Going through puberty as a boy would be detrimental to Ryace, Dr. Cole said.

"She's just a great kid, like a beam of sunshine," she said. "She's really thriving. She's active, she bought her own horses and is doing well in school. If she got facial hair and her voice changed, it would affect her ability to thrive."

Ryace said she wants transgender kids to know it's important not to hide who they are.

"If you're transgender, show it. Tell people," she said, "It will help other transgender people feel not so alone."



Adult and pediatrics mentioned in the circle below in orange and in green, "endo" transgender care and gender affirming





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Added Nov. 2021

https://www.summahealth.org/specializedservices/pride-clinic

141 N. Forge St. Akron, OH 44304

Phone: 888.905.6071

Pride Clinic

When it comes to healthcare, LGBTQ+_ patients face many barriers, including concerns about confidentiality, fear of discrimination and negative attitudes toward treatment. Because of this, it's estimated that anywhere from 50 to 75 percent of the LGBTQ+ population does not share their gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation with their healthcare provider.

At Summa Health, we provide high-quality, compassionate care for all patients regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. We understand that the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ+) community has unique health needs and deserves equal, respectful and knowledgeable care.

We encourage all patients to "Do Ask, Do Tell" your healthcare provider, because our focus on patient-centered care places YOU at the center of care.

https://www.summahealth.org/specializedservices/pride-clinic/patient-stories

https://www.summahealth.org/specializedservices/pride-clinic/patient-stories

Resource page

https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2463347

<u>https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2785253?widget=personalizedcontent&previousarticle=2463 347</u>

Adult:

https://equitashealth.com/service-category/medical/

I have a video, but I am still working on it, I might have to just transcribe what Dr. Steward said. She stated she offers puberty blockers and wrong sex hormones to children publicly in a Planned Parenthood meeting, sending older youth to PP. She is trying to decide what age she will release them. A CSN representative and Right to Life representative were also present at this open Zoom meeting introducing Planned Parenthood's role in continuing wrong sex hormones after the youth reach18 years of age.

A. Dayton Children's Hospital

1 Children's Plaza Dayton Ohio 45404

2.8809 Wilkins Blvd Mason Ohio 45040 (possible future, it's just opened)

Dr. Heather Stewart Dr. Stewart Introduction into the new Gender Affirming Care kickoff, 2021 Facebook

https://www.childrensdayton.org/doctors/heather-stewart-md-faap

Dr. Heather Steward, Pediatrician, Dayton Children's Hospital

Chief Medical Office of Adolescent Medicine

Ruby Award Winner for Allied Activism, PHLAG, Dayton

Officer, Gender Affirming Care Advisory Committee, Planned Parenthood

Assistant Professor, Wright State

Air Force, 10 years

Summary

Dayton Children's Hospital Announced their new wing in 2021 in partnership with Planned Parenthood's Gender Hormone program in a public Zoom meeting and Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Featured was their director, Dr. Steward began in 2018 as the Director of Child and Adolescent Care. She is a pediatrician who stated they are transitioning children "as long as they understand the risks". Dayton Children's started support groups and a Xenia middle school reported a survey was given to their students asking how they identified. Shortly thereafter, a support group was created within Dayton Children's Hospital. There are now 7 support groups, and some are online. Dayton Children's is Partnering with Cincinnati Children's Hospital and Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood's role is to keep their patients who age out on the HRT (wrong sex hormones). Planned Parenthood does not require psychological assessments. The age out plan is 18.

gender diversity support group

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https://www.childrensdayton.org/patients-visitors/services/adolescent-young-adult-medicine/additional-resources/lgbt-resources

https://www.childrensdayton.org/the-hub/5-steps-take-today-support-lgbtq-youth

They are recruiting:

https://www.phdmc.org/events/lgbtg-youth-summit/ Here are the sponsors:













Wrong Sex Hormone Pharmacies.
Planned Parenthood of Southwest Ohio

Akron Health Center

444 West Exchange Street, Akron, OH 44302

p: 330.535.2671

f: 330.535.2987

Athens Health Center

1005 East State Street, Suite W, Athens, OH 45701

p: 740.593.6979

f: 740.593.8223

Family Planning Services:

Bedford Heights Health Center

25350 Rockside Road, Bedford Heights, OH 44146

p: 440.232.8381

f: 440.374.4967

Abortion Services:

Bedford Heights Surgery Center

25350 Rockside Road, Bedford Heights, OH 44146

p: 440.232.9732

f: 440.374.4969

Canton Health Center

2663 Cleveland Ave NW, Canton, OH 44709

p: 330.456.7191

f: 330.456.9679

Cleveland Health Center

On the Health Line!

7997 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, OH 44103

p: 216.851.1880

f: 216.707.9370

Abortion services:

East Columbus Surgical Center

Formerly Central Ohio Women's Center

3255 East Main Street, Columbus, OH 43213

p: 614.222.3531

f: 614.222.3529

Franklinton Health Center

1511 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43222

p: 614.222.3525

f: 614.222.3608

Kent Health Center

138 E Main Street, 2nd Floor, Kent, OH 44240

p: 330.678.8011

f: 330.678.3877

Lorain Health Center

YWCA Women's Center

200 W. 9th Street, Lorain, OH 44052

p: 440.242.2087

f: 440.242.2089

Mansfield Health Center

384 Park Avenue W, Mansfield, OH 44906

p: 419.525.3075

f: 419.522.3629

North Columbus Health Center

18 East 17th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201

p: 614.222.3604

f: 614.222.3612

Old Brooklyn Health Center

New location as of October 14, 2019

2186 Brookpark Road, Cleveland, OH 44134*

p: 216.661.0400

f: 216.661.2238

Rocky River Health Center

20800 Center Ridge Road, #101, Rocky River, OH 44116

p: 440.331.8744

f: 440.331.4245

Toledo Health Center

1301 Jefferson Avenue, Toledo, OH 43604

p: 419.255.1115

f: 419.255.2500

Warren Health Center

375 North Park Ave NW, Suite 1, Warren, OH 44481

p: 330.399.5104

f: 330.395.2231

Youngstown Health Center

77 E. Midlothian Boulevard, Youngstown, OH 44507

p: 330.788.2487

f: 330.788.8620

Online Wrong Sex Hormone Services in Ohio Folx Health - Their system is accessible to minors.

https://www.folxhealth.com/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=FO
LX_GSE_NONBRAND_HRT_EXPANSION&utm_term=transgender&gclid=EAlalQobCh
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Plume Same as above. Plume requires age 18, however, they do not police it.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MocpG1sUIGQ

https://www.ohiohealth.com/health-and-wellness/lgbtg-healthcare

LOBBIES

- A. Living With Change (<u>www.livingwithchange.org</u>) Funds millions of Dollars with funding from Cicconelli's Business, Pure Romance (Sex Toy Business)
- B. Trans Ohio https://www.transohio.org/bod.shtml

• Binding Resources:

- Stonewall Columbus Binding Tips Pamphlet
- Youth (under 18):
 - www.transactiveonline.org/inabind/get.php
 - www.ftmessentials.com/pages/ftme-free-youth-binder-program
- Adults (over 18):
 - www.thetransitionalmale.com/BBUB.html

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https://www.ohiohealth.com/health-and-wellness/lgbtq-healthcare

KENT OHIO

Athen's Ohio

A. https://www.ohio.edu/medicine/staff/krop

Transgender medicine, Gender affirming care

More to find here

WOOSTER

Vera Astreika, MD (Counseling and medication management)

The Counseling Center of Holmes Counties

2285 Benden Dr.

Wooster, OH 44691

330.264.9029

Westlake Ohio - Pediatric admits it on website

"Our Gender Team has the skills and knowledge to help you find an endocrinologist who can prescribe Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT). We can assist you in legally changing your name. Rely on us to accurately complete the Bureau of Motor Vehicle forms for a gender marker change. Also, we can write the necessary letters for "top" and "bottom" surgery. Finally, when warranted we offer counseling to you and your family.

Antone F. Feo, PhD. and the Gender Team have worked with transgender children as young as 6 years of age. When a parent brings their transgender child into therapy we offer therapy, education, and a safe place to explore options. Our Team can work with your child's school and address any issues that may arise."

Feo, Antone and Associates

24500 Center Ridge Rd, Building 4 #120

Westlake, Ohio 44145

440.899.1300

Afeophd.com

Related:

Brace yourself, this is tough to watch. The comments indicate that the hand shaking is a sign of a previous mental disability present coping with the new trauma of a bilateral mastectomy.

https://mobile.twitter.com/transwomyn/status/1

<u>367947538385547272?fbclid=lwAR1e0ubNL2WHXpl7TBHVZplk26A4XX6-cz8RCzWs8qjD0ntki</u> <u>Ak_i3JZZJY</u>

United States:

https://www.cdc.gov/lgbthealth/transgender.htm

https://www.cdc.gov/lgbthealth/health-services.htm

https://www.amsa.org/action-committee/gender-and-sexuality/transgender-health/

Many transgender people choose to undergo hormone replacement therapy to more closely align their bodies with their identities. Often, a primary care physician and/or endocrinologist manage their care. The World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) offers up-to-date guidelines.

WPATH guidelines do NOT require that an individual live as the desired sex for a year, nor do they require approval from a mental healthcare professional before undergoing therapy, rather they encourage providers to obtain informed consent before initiating therapy.

For adolescent patients, some may realize they are transgender before or when they are first entering puberty. Under the guidance of a therapist, endocrinologist, adolescent medicine

physician, and/or primary care physician these patients may be treated with gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) analogues, such as leuprolide, that **reversibly** delay puberty until the patient and parents are ready to make a decision about permanent cross-sex hormones, usually around age 16.

Some transgender people opt to have surgery so that their bodies more fully match their identities, while others do not desire or cannot afford surgery. Both the transgender and medical communities strongly believe that transgender people do not need to undergo gender-affirming surgery to socially transition.