

ILLINOIS STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

**Resolution 09.2019-07
(A-20)**

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Subject: Sexual Reassignment Surgery on Young Children

Referred to: Council on Medical Service

1 Whereas, the ISMS is concerned for the welfare of all patients, particularly very
2 young children; and

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4 Whereas, there is a significant number of sexual reassignment surgeries being
5 performed on minors, including very young children, many of whom have not yet
6 achieved the age of “reason” or the teen years; and

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8 Whereas, parents consenting to such surgery, are concerned for the welfare of
9 their child; and

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11 Whereas, there has been no currently available public data base, informing
12 parents on the long-term outcomes of these surgeries on the health and welfare of
13 children subjected to these procedures at particular ages; and

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15 Whereas, there is no information regarding long-term consistency of this
16 decision, or regret and wish to revert to genetic gender, or difference in mental health
17 outcomes or suicide rate, or successful attainment of educational and careers aspirations;
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20 Whereas, the fact that these surgeries are being performed at prestigious
21 academic health centers confers the appearance of an established and medically accepted
22 benefit for children and further influences parents’ decision making; and

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24 Whereas, there is no specifically established credentialing process for those
25 physicians who provide determinations that these young patients are appropriate for
26 these procedures; and

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28 Whereas, these surgeries are currently being performed in multiple health
29 centers, including major academic pediatric institutions; and

1 Whereas, on September 10, 2019, the Chicago Medical Society adopted the
2 AMA policy Patient-Reported Outcomes in Gender Confirmation Surgery H-460.893
3 adopted in 2018, and voted to forward the resolution to the Illinois State Medical Society
4 for adoption of this or similar policy; therefore, be it

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6 RESOLVED, that the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) adopt the American
7 Medical Association (AMA) policy Patient-Reported Outcomes in Gender
8 Confirmation Surgery H-460.893 adopted in 2018 which supports: (1) initiatives and
9 research developed by specialty societies and other relevant stakeholders to establish
10 standardized protocols for patient selection, surgical management, and preoperative and
11 postoperative care for transgender patients undergoing gender confirmation surgeries;
12 and (2) implementation of standardized tools, such as questionnaires, developed by
13 specialty societies and other relevant stakeholders to evaluate outcomes
14 of gender confirmation surgeries.

Fiscal Note:

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Existing ISMS policy related to this issue:

No relevant ISMS policy.