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The WPATH Files

Pseudoscientific Surgical and Hormonal Experiments on Children, Adolescents, and Vulnerable Adults.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) enjoys the reputation of being the leading scientific and medical organization devoted to transgender healthcare. WPATH is globally recognized as being at the forefront of gender medicine.

However, our report shows that the opposite is true. Newly leaked files from WPATH's internal messaging forum, as well as a leaked internal panel discussion, demonstrate that the world-leading transgender healthcare group is neither scientific nor advocating for ethical medical care. These internal communications reveal that WPATH advocates for arbitrary

medical practices, including hormonal and surgical experimentation on minors and vulnerable adults. While there is a place in medicine for risky experiments, these can only be justified if there is a reliable, objective diagnosis, no other treatment options are available, and the outcome for a patient or patient group is dire. However, contrary to WPATH's claims, the best available evidence suggests that gender medicine does not fall into this category. Risky experiments can also only be justified when patients give true informed consent. Yet the leaked messages in our report reveal that WPATH-affiliated doctors are knowingly violating bedrock principles of medical ethics and informed consent.

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As such, our report will prove that WPATH is promoting unethical medical experiments on children, adolescents, and vulnerable adults. The report will show that, as is revealed by its own internal communications, WPATH does not meet the standards of evidence-based medicine, and members frequently discuss improvising treatments as they go along. Our report will further show that members are fully aware that children and adolescents cannot comprehend the lifelong consequences of “gender-affirming care,” and in some cases, due to poor health literacy, neither can their parents.

In the WPATH Files, members demonstrate a lack of consideration for long-term patient outcomes despite being aware of the debilitating and potentially fatal side effects of cross-sex hormones and other treatments. There is also evidence that patients with severe mental health issues, such as schizophrenia and dissociative identity disorder, are being allowed to consent to life-altering hormonal and surgical interventions without members making any attempt to first address these underlying issues.

Moreover, the Files provide evidence of how far off the rails this experiment has gone, with discussions about surgeons performing non-binary surgeries to create body

types that do not exist in nature. These extreme body modification desires are framed as medically necessary healthcare, even though the surgeries do not meet the definition of being experimental. The Files also show that autonomy, a bioethical concept that was once a shield to protect patients from being experimented on against their will by doctors, is now used by WPATH members as a sword - in its name, there is nothing a doctor can deny a patient seeking hormonal and surgical interventions.

The contents of the WPATH Files are of utmost importance because WPATH has broken the chain of trust in gender medicine. Trust in professional training grounded in robust scientific evidence is crucial for doctors, who face time constraints that prevent exhaustive investigation of every treatment protocol. Influential organizations such as the American Academy of Pediatrics and The Endocrine Society rely on WPATH’s “Standards of Care” when developing policy and practice guidelines for the treatment of gender dysphoria. Similarly, parents and vulnerable patients depend on clinicians influenced by WPATH. The truth about WPATH, as revealed in the Files, is therefore essential for patients, including parents of trans-identified minors, to make informed decisions about their medical treatment.