

American Academy of Pediatrics' Hasty Position to support Early Affirmative care

The American Academy of Pediatrics and to a lesser extent the American Association of Clinical Endocrinology may have failed due diligence in endorsing early affirmative care as a model of care.

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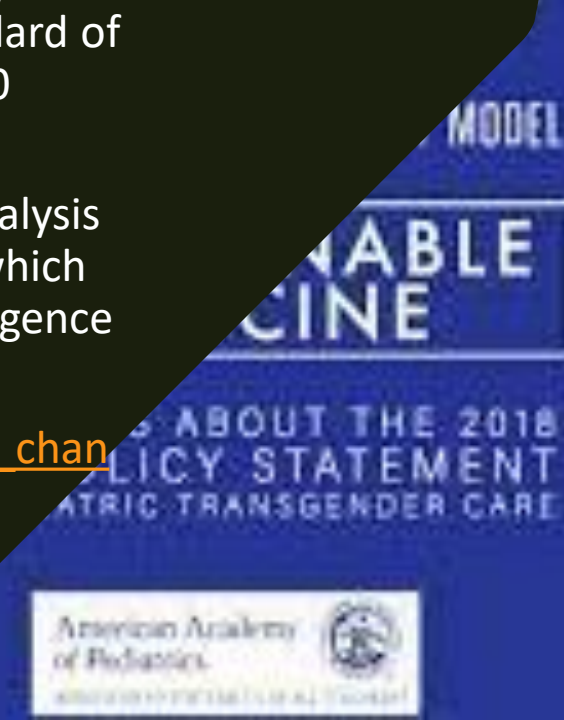


Questionable Medicine?

In 2018 the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) published the AAP Policy Statement "Ensuring Comprehensive Care and Support for Transgender and Gender Diverse Children and Adolescents" a Gender Affirmative Care model for pediatric patients with gender dysphoria. This policy statement was primarily written by Dr. Jason Rafferty, a newly graduated student from Brown University's triple board residency in pediatrics, psychiatry, and child and adolescent psychiatry. This early affirmative care model is frequently cited as a Standard of Care ostensibly representing the view of the AAP's 60,000 pediatricians.

Please click below to watch a meticulously researched analysis by the YouTube Channel *Thoughts and Things and Stuff* which suggests that the AAP may have failed to do their due diligence before adopting the early affirmative model.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WdcEMkkTFWk&ab_channel=ThoughtsonThingsandStuff



Specific concerns about the AAP's position presented by the authors of the channel include:

The document is **not a standard of care or guideline** - it contains none of the systematic review of evidence or evidence grading required by such a document and includes a disclaimer that it should not be considered a standard of care.

The statement cites standards of care previously published by WPATH and the Endocrine Society - but **those standards are based on low quality evidence.**

The document was authored by a **single physician in his first year out of residency** and was **not subject to public review,** comment or debate prior to being published as an official policy statement.



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The statement dismissed the long-standing watchful waiting approach to these patients as outdated and fringe and equates it with "conversion therapy" for sexual orientation, while citing references that directly contradict those conclusions.

The policy statement should be eligible for revision or retirement in 2023. After watching the video, do you think that it should be revised?



And to my dear pediatrician colleagues:

- ▶ As a pediatric psychologist I have both trained and worked closely alongside you for more than 35 years in and out of multiple hospital settings. I hold you in tremendously high regard for your sacrificial dedication and service to improving and saving the lives of countless children and adolescents.
- ▶ I have no desire to hurt or offend you, but merely ask you to possibly dig deeper into this issue. In this harried and fast-paced medical environment, we sometimes find it hard to gain altitude to see the bigger picture. I will be the first to admit that I was guilty of this and amended my view once I investigated the research.