



# Trans Health Project

*Working for Transgender Equal Rights*

## Pediatric Endocrine Society

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### About the organization:

The Pediatric Endocrine Society (PES) is the leading professional society for this specialty in the United States. The mission of PES is to advance and promote the endocrine health and well-being of children and adolescents. The PES has over 1,400 members representing the multiple disciplines of Pediatric Endocrinology.

The PES [Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth Special Interest Group](#) is dedicated to providing safe, comprehensive and evidence based medical care to transgender and gender nonconforming youth.

### Statements:

- [Transgender Health Position Statement](#)

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Date: December 2020

- [Pediatric Endocrine Society/Endocrine Society Joint Position Statement on Transgender Health](#)

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Increased funding for national pediatric and adult transgender health research programs is needed to close the gaps in knowledge regarding transgender medical care and should be made a priority."

Date: December 2020

- [Proper Care of Transgender and Gender Diverse Persons in the Setting of Proposed Discrimination: A Policy Perspective](#)

Abby Walch, Caroline Davidge-Pitts, Joshua D Safer, Ximena Lopez, Vin Tangpricha, Sean J Iwamoto, Proper Care of Transgender and Gender Diverse Persons in the Setting of Proposed Discrimination: A Policy Perspective, *The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism*, dgaa816, <https://doi.org/10.1210/clinem/dgaa816>.

Date: December 2020

- [Discriminatory policies threaten care for transgender, gender diverse individuals](#)

"The Endocrine Society and the Pediatric Endocrine Society oppose legislative efforts to block transgender and gender diverse individuals from accessing gender-affirming medical and surgical care, the two medical societies said in a joint policy perspective published in *The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism*."

Date: December 2020

- [PES Fact Sheet: Introduction to Health for Transgender Youth](#)

Date: June 17, 2020

- [PES Fact Sheet: Masculinizing Treatment for Transgender Males](#)

Date: 2018

- [PES Fact Sheet: Feminizing Treatment for Transgender Females](#)

Date: 2018

- [Statement on Gender Affirmative Approach to Care from the Pediatric Endocrine Society Special Interest Group on Transgender Health](#)

Ximena Lopez, Maja Marinkovic, Toni Eimicke, Stephen M. Rosenthal & Jerrold S. Olshan, "Statement on gender-affirmative approach to care from the pediatric endocrine society special interest group on transgender health." *Current opinion in pediatrics* vol. 29,4 (2017): 475-480. [doi: 10.1097/MOP.0000000000000516](https://doi.org/10.1097/MOP.0000000000000516)

"[T]ransgender youth have optimal outcomes when affirmed in their gender identity, through support by their families and their environment, as well as appropriate mental health and medical care. For this reason, the Pediatric Endocrine Society Special Interest Group on Transgender Health joins other academic societies involved in the care of children and adolescents in supporting policies that promote a safe and accepting environment for gender nonconforming/transgender youth, as well as adequate mental health and medical care."

Date: May 27, 2017

- [PES Statement Promoting Safety of Transgender Youth](#)

"The Pediatric Endocrine Society (PES), the leading professional society for this specialty in the United States, strongly opposes the guidance issued on February 22, 2017, by the Departments of Justice and Education, which eliminates protection of the rights of transgender youth."

Date: March 2017

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