



GENDER CARE

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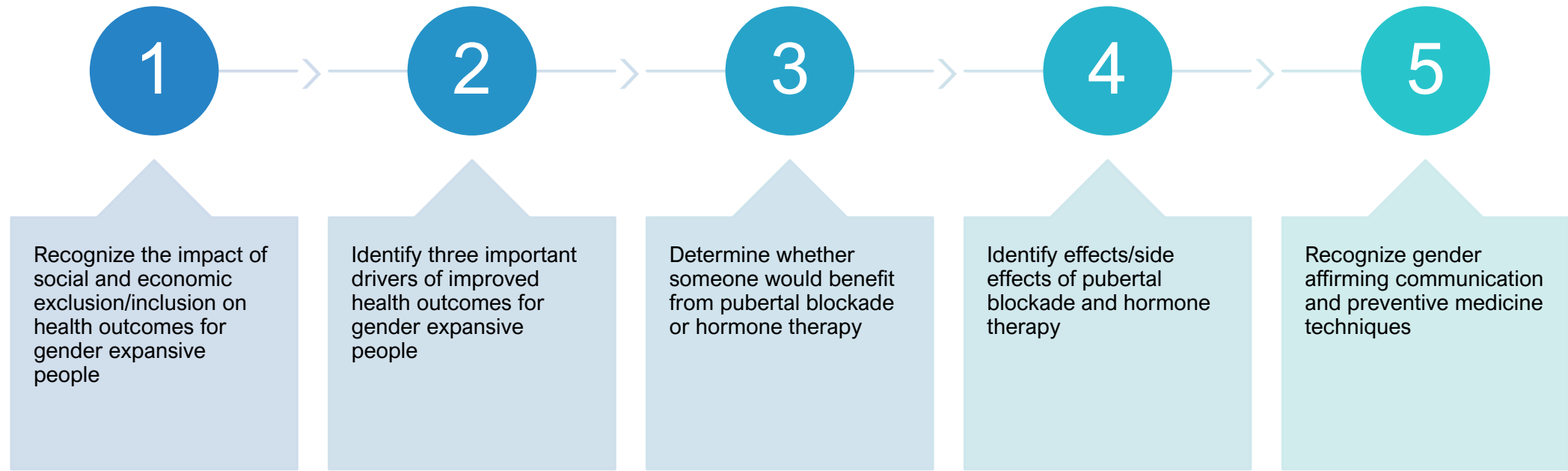
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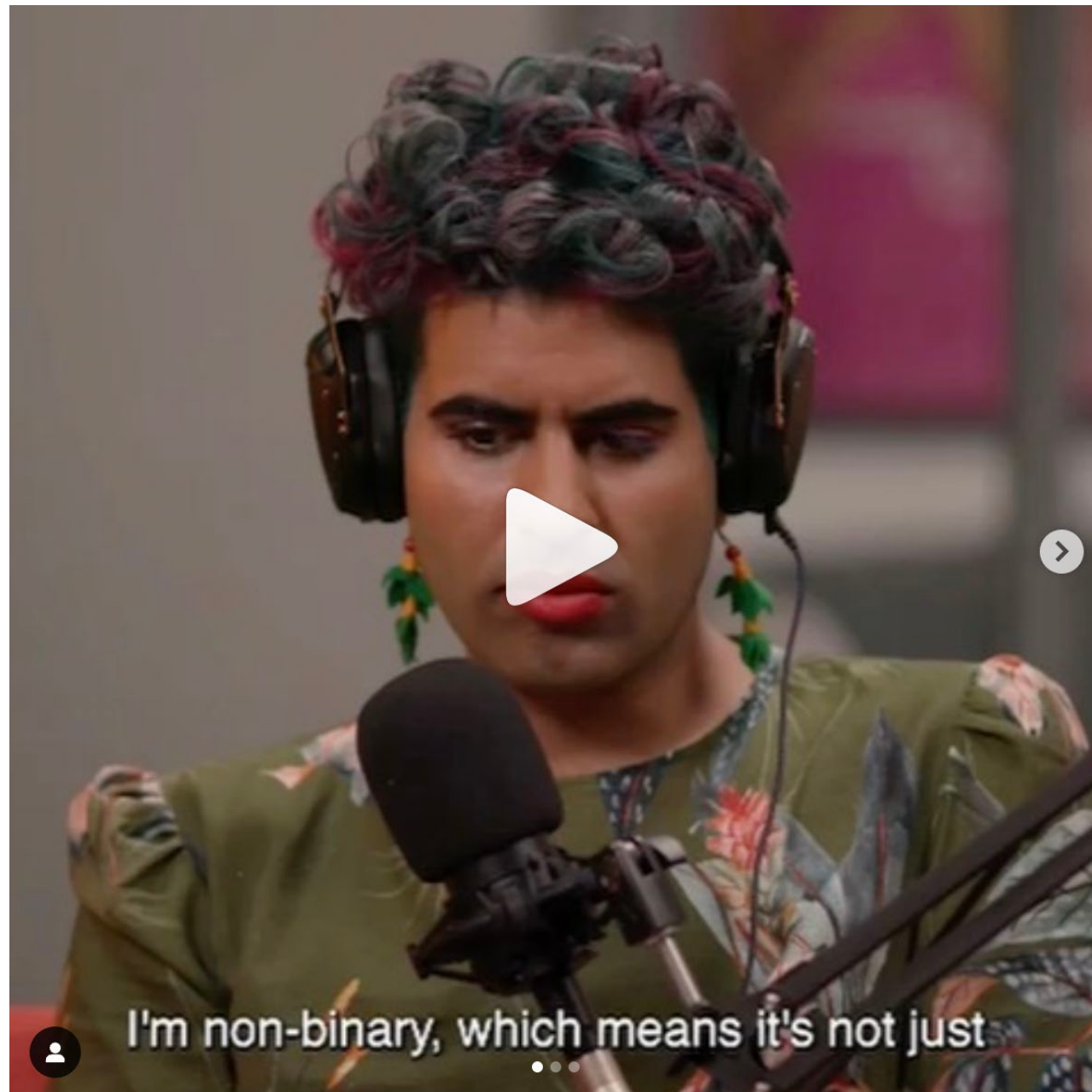
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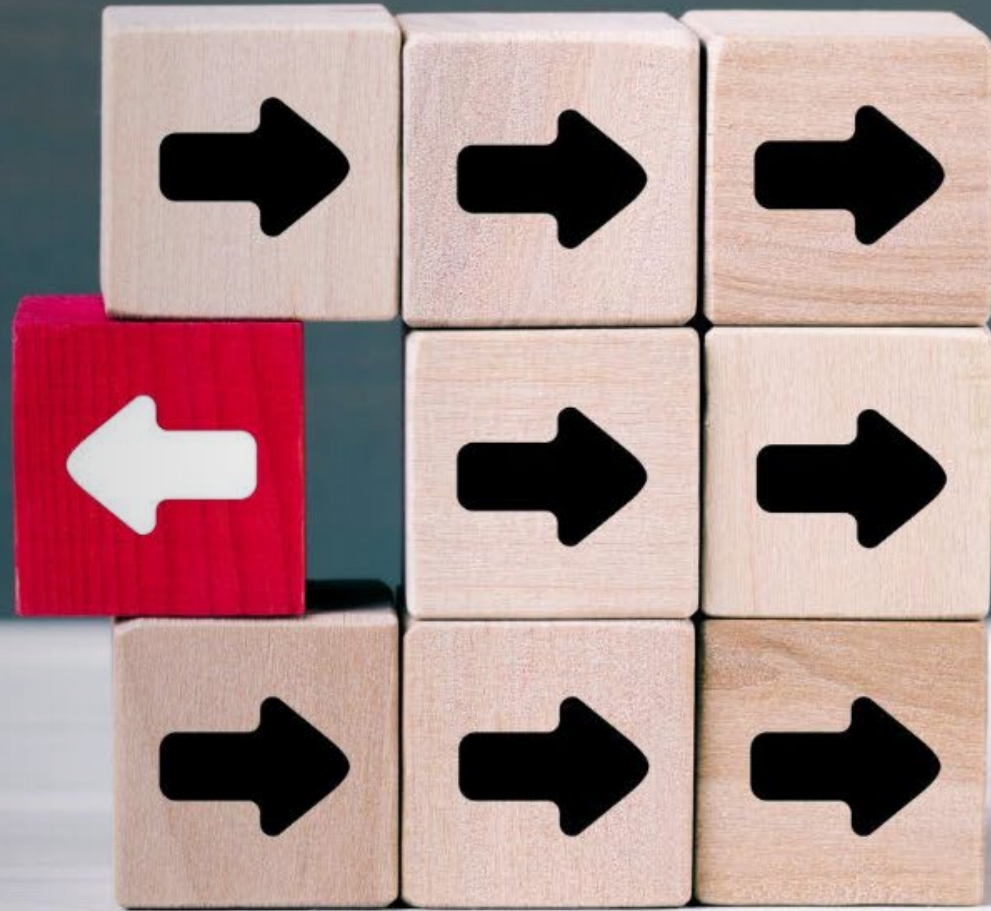


objectives



I'm non-binary, which means it's not just

power of
social and
economic
exclusion



structural violence

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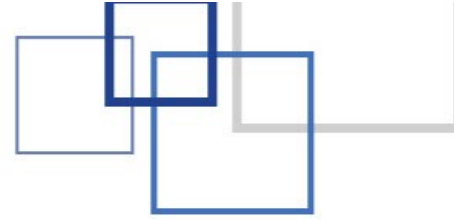
I #SayHerName because

cultural and structural
violence against trans
people leads to direct
violence against trans
people.”

- Laverne



Look Different



THE REPORT OF THE

2015 **U.S.**
TRANSGENDER
SURVEY



2015 National Transgender Discrimination Survey

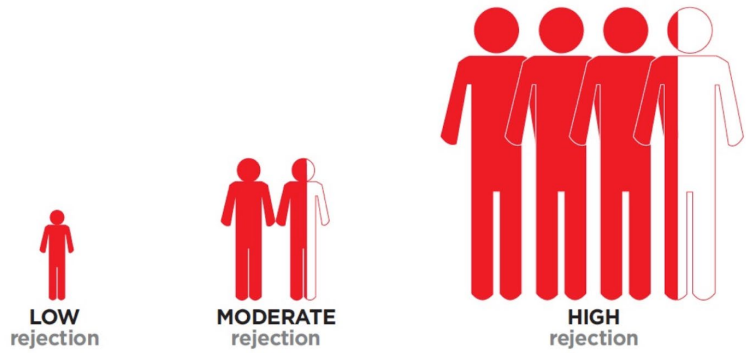
HEALTHCARE

- + 20% were refused care
- + 50% have had to teach their doctors
- + HIV 5 X rate of general population (1.4% compared to 0.3% gen pop)
- + 28% postponed care for fear of discrimination
- + 40% ATTEMPTED suicide (4.6% gen pop)

power of
affirmation
and
inclusion



Illegal Drug Use



Level of Family Rejection

Ryan, Family Acceptance Project, 2009

Lifetime Suicide Attempts for Highly Rejected LGBT Young People

(One or more times)



Level of Family Rejection

POLICY STATEMENT Organizational Principles to Guide and Define the Child Health Care System and/or Improve the Health of all Children

American Academy
of Pediatrics



DEDICATED TO THE HEALTH OF ALL CHILDREN™

Ensuring Comprehensive Care and Support for Transgender and Gender-Diverse Children and Adolescents

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the power of family affirmation

power of pronouns

power of access to medications



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Adolescent health brief

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**Using a gender diverse youth's
chosen name at work, school, home
and with friends:**



Reduces depression
symptoms by

71%



Reduces thoughts
of suicide by

34%



Reduces suicide
attempts by

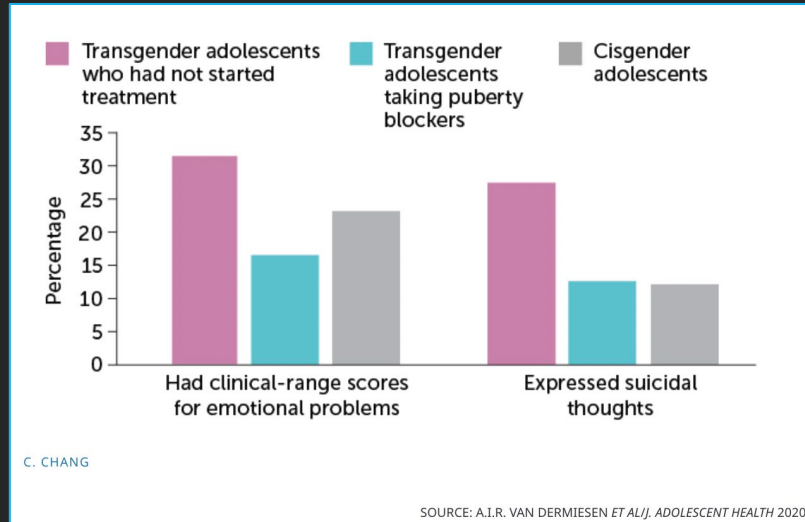
56%

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Pubertal Suppression for Transgender Youth and Risk of Suicidal Ideation

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power of family affirmation

power of pronouns

power of access to medications

A top-down view of numerous medical syringes and vials arranged in a circular pattern on a light blue background. The syringes are filled with a pink liquid and have blue plunger caps. The vials are small, clear glass containers with pink caps and labels that read "COVID-19 VACCINE". The arrangement is symmetrical, with the syringes and vials pointing outwards from the center.

pubertal blockade OR hormone initiation

pubertal blockade

Tanner stage II/III

GnRH agonists



CRITERIA FOR GENDER-AFFIRMING HORMONE THERAPY FOR ADOLESCENTS

According to the World Professional Association for Transgender Health

Adolescents are eligible for *GnRH agonist treatment* if:

A. a qualified health professional has confirmed that:

- ☐ The adolescent has demonstrated a long lasting and intense pattern of gender nonconformity or gender dysphoria (whether expressed or suppressed)
- ☐ Gender dysphoria worsened with the onset of puberty
- ☐ A coexisting psychological, medical, or social problems that could interfere with treatment (or treatment adherence and) have been addressed, such that the adolescent's situation and functioning are stable enough to start treatment
- ☐ The adolescent has sufficient mental capacity to give informed consent to this (reversible) treatment

B. and the adolescent:

- ☐ Has been informed of the effects and side effects of treatment (including potential loss of fertility if the individual subsequently continues with sex hormone treatment) and options to preserve fertility
- ☐ Has given informed consent and (particularly when the adolescent has not reached the age of legal medical consent, depending on applicable legislation) the parents or other caretakers or guardians have consented to the treatment and are involved in supporting the adolescent through the treatment process

C. and a pediatric endocrinologist or other clinician experienced in pubertal assessment:

- ☐ Agrees with the indication for GnRH agonist treatment
- ☐ Has confirmed the puberty has started in the adolescent (Tanner stage greater than or equal to G2\B2)
- ☐ Has confirmed that there are no medical contraindications to GnRH agonist treatment

hormone therapy



CRITERIA FOR GENDER-AFFIRMING HORMONE THERAPY FOR ADOLESCENTS

According to the World Professional Association for Transgender Health

Adolescents are eligible for *sex hormone treatment* if:

A. a qualified health professional has confirmed:

☐ Persistence of gender dysphoria

☐ Any coexisting psychological, medical, or social problems that could interfere with treatment (or treatment adherence) have been addressed, such that the adolescent's situation and functioning are stable enough to start sex hormone treatment

☐ The adolescent has sufficient mental capacity (which most adolescents have by age 16 years) to estimate the consequences of this (partly) irreversible treatment, weighted benefits and risks, and gives informed consent to this (partly) irreversible treatment,

B. and the adolescent:

☐ Has been informed of the (irreversible) effects and side effects of the treatment (including potential loss of fertility and options to preserve fertility)

☐ Has given informed consent and (particularly when the adolescent has not reached the age of legal medical consent, depending on applicable legislation) the parents or other caretakers or guardians have consented to the treatment and are involved in supporting adolescent through the treatment process,

C. and a pediatric endocrinologist or other clinician experienced in pubertal induction:

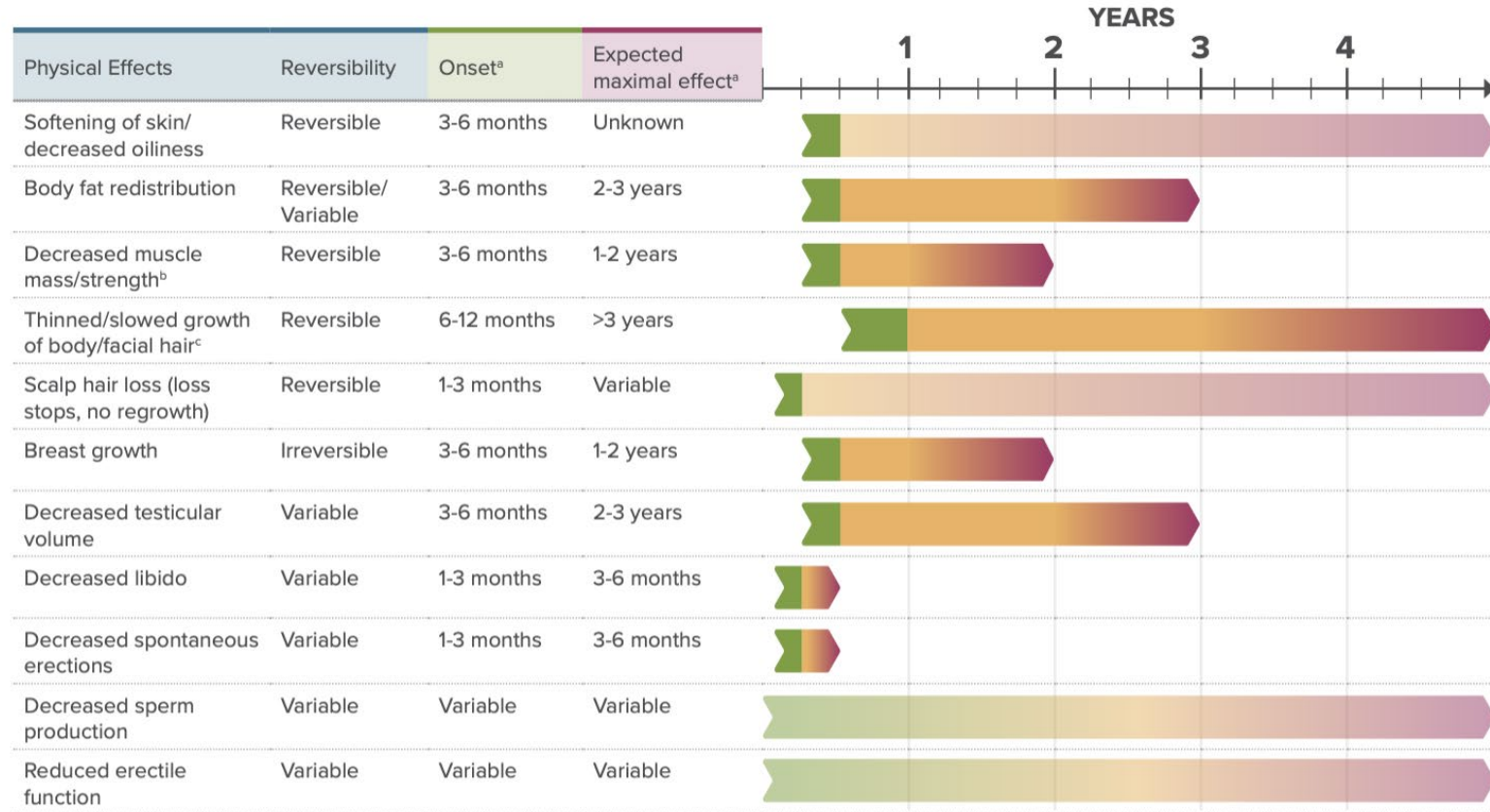
☐ Agrees with the indication for sex hormone treatment

☐ Has confirmed that there are no medical contraindications to sex hormone treatment

feminizing

EFFECTS AND EXPECTED TIME COURSE OF FEMINIZING HORMONES

The degree and rate of physical effects are largely dependent on patient-specific factors such as age, genetics, body habitus and lifestyle, and to some extent the dose and route used (selected in accordance with a patient's specific goals and risk profile).⁸

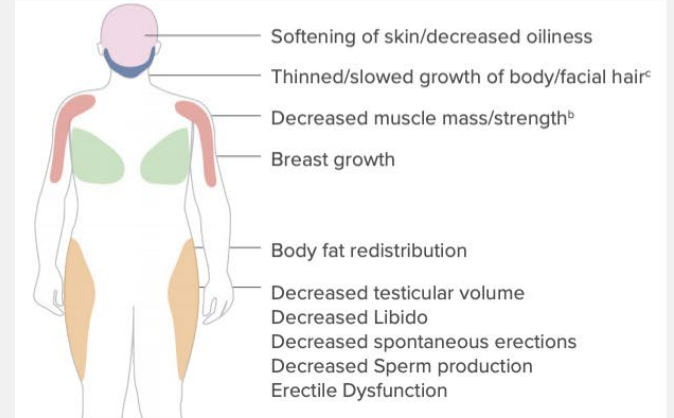


Keep in mind: Use patient preferred terminology. "Testicular" and "erections" may be upsetting to some but not all. Physical changes related to androgen blockade and estrogen may take months to appear and are generally considered to be complete after 2-3 years on hormone therapy. Breast growth is an aspect of feminization to which many transfeminine patients assign great importance. The degree of breast development is dependent on many factors, but most transfeminine patients experience modest breast development (average cup size <A, at a developmental Tanner stage of 2-3).^{9, 10} Feminizing therapy does not affect the pitch of the voice in transfeminine patients.

a) Estimates represent unpublished clinical and published observations^{11,12,13}

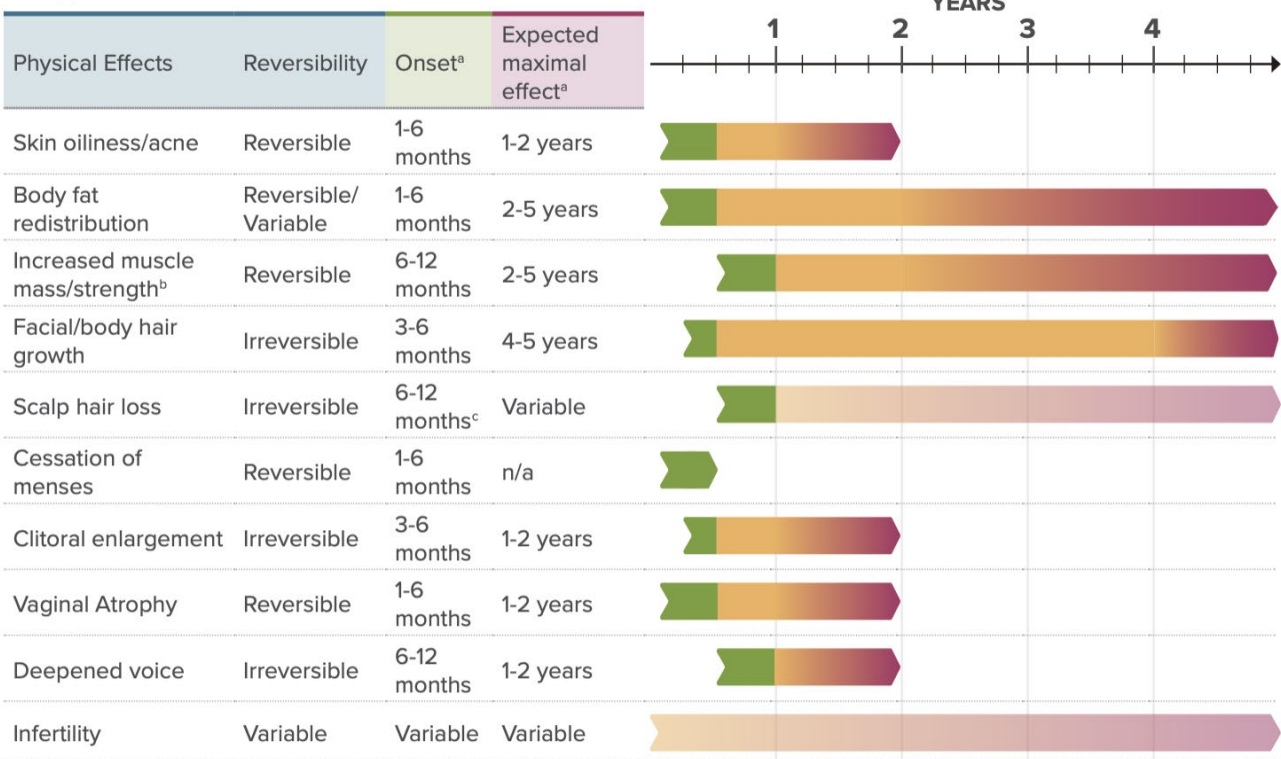
b) Significantly dependent on amount of exercise;

c) Complete removal of facial hair requires electrolysis, laser treatment, or both



EFFECTS AND EXPECTED TIME COURSE OF TESTOSTERONE

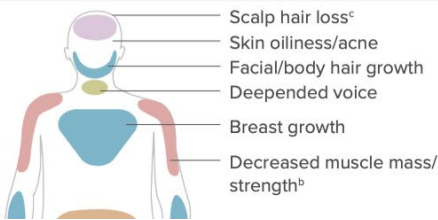
The degree and rate of physical effects is dependent on the dose and route of administration,² as well as patient-specific factors such as age, genetics, body habitus and lifestyle. Hormone therapy results in both reversible and irreversible masculinization.



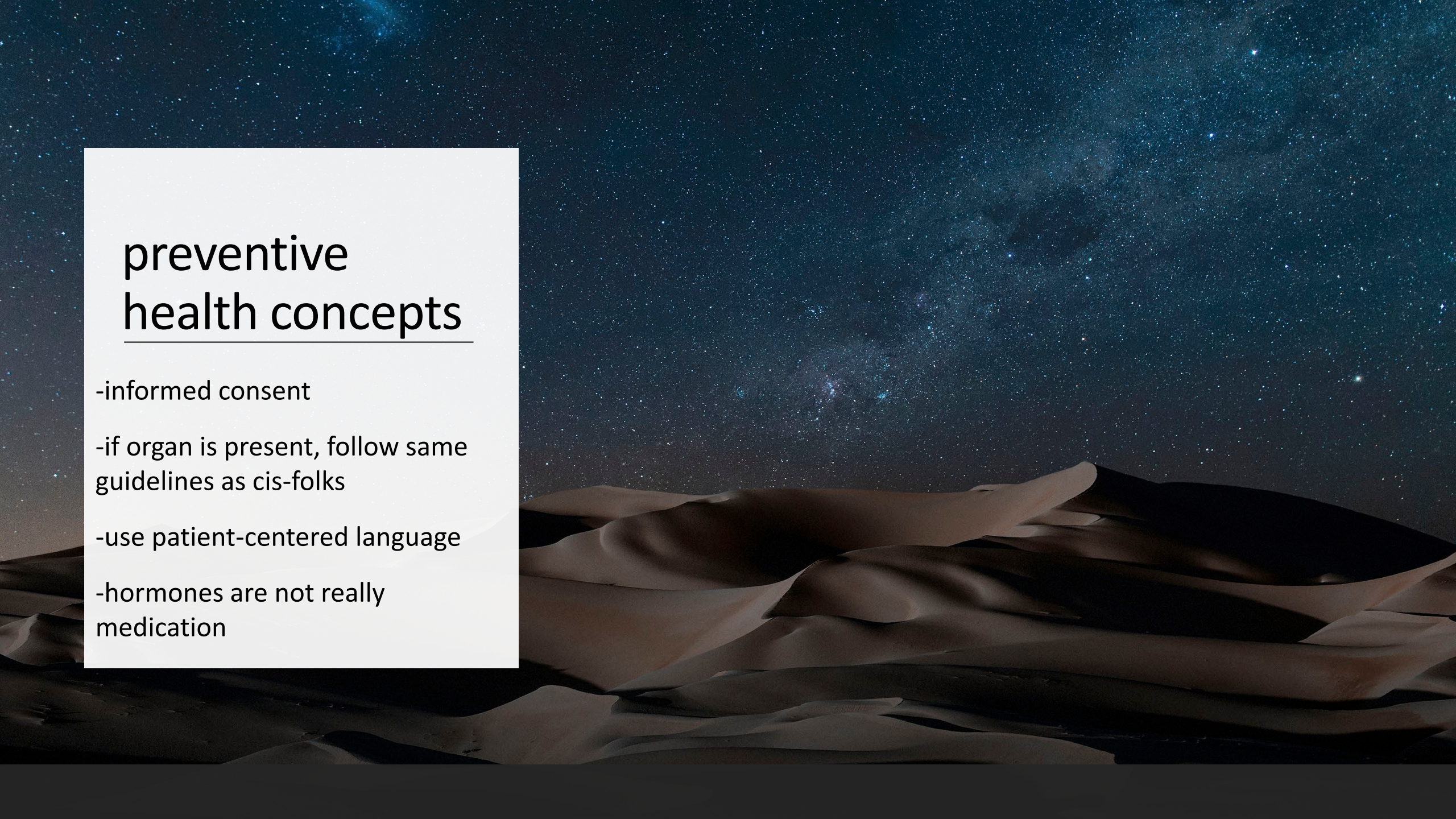
Keep in mind:

Use patient-preferred terminology. Terminology such as “clitoral” and “vaginal” may be upsetting to some but not all.

Desired androgenic effects of testosterone therapy include deepened voice, cessation of menses, clitoral growth, increased muscle mass, and hair growth in androgen dependent areas including facial hair. Breast tissue may lose glandularity, but generally does not lose mass or hemi circumference. Typically, patients taking



masculinizing

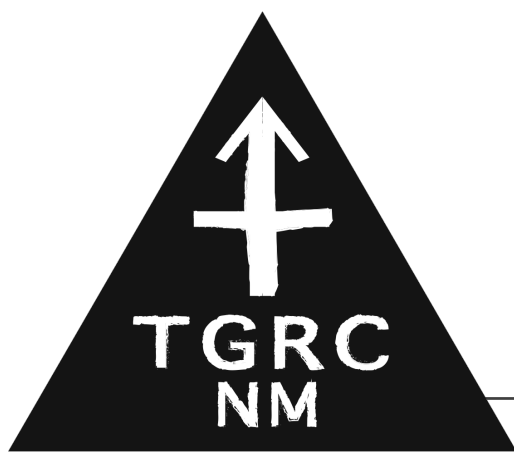


preventive health concepts

- informed consent
- if organ is present, follow same guidelines as cis-folks
- use patient-centered language
- hormones are not really medication

A photograph of a beach with turquoise water and reddish sand. The water is on the right side, with gentle waves washing onto the sand. The sand is a deep reddish-brown color. The text "affirming communication tips" is overlaid in white, with a thin white line underneath it.

affirming communication tips



community resources

01

GROUP
MEET UPS

02

NAME
CHANGES

03

LEGAL
ISSUES

04

JOB
HUNTING

clinical resources

“UNM FM wiki transgender”

<http://unmfm.pbworks.com/w/page/126203630/Transgender%20Health%20Clinic>

UCSF PRIMARY CARE GUIDELINES

<https://transcare.ucsf.edu/guidelines>



thank you

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