

# THE CENTER FOR GENDER REASSIGNMENT

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Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Thank you for your recent inquiry. I am part of a gender dysphoria team that works in conjunction with a plastic surgeon, urologist, psychologist, psychiatrist and gynecologist through the Eastern Virginia Medical School. We have treated a number of female-to-male transsexuals in the past and have performed phallic reconstructions for these patients.

Recent advances in phallic reconstruction have included construction of a urethra (either with full-thickness skin grafts or local flaps), creation of a phallic bulk (utilizing the rectus abdominis muscle), and restoration of erogenous sensibility using free tissue transfer, either from the forearm, upper arm, or inner thigh. These techniques require the skill of three surgeons working in concert. It also requires microsurgical technique and instrumentation.

In order to proceed with the actual female-to-male surgery you would have to be evaluated by our psychiatrist and psychologist and approved for surgery. Your hospital stay would be approximately three to four weeks barring any unforeseen circumstances.

I would recommend that you obtain validation from professionals with whom you have worked, and forward them to the center as soon as possible (i.e. medical papers, psychiatric evaluation and letter of support, psychological testing). Our committee can then make a more appropriate decision as to where you are in our program.

If you have any specific questions which are particular to your case and which the enclosed information does not address, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,



Deborah M. Gilbert, R.N.  
Coordinator,

The Center for Gender Reassignment

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