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Please excuse the necessity of this form letter, but we have had many inquiries concerning female to male sexual reassignment surgery following my presentation at the Lake Tahoe International Gender Dysphoria Meeting.

Due to political entanglements here in the Bible belt of Oklahoma, it is no longer possible for us to perform inpatient surgery at the University Hospital. Being a cosmetic plastic surgeon, I have an excellent operating suite available in my office and we are, therefore, able to continue with our work with one exception, as will be noted. It is possible for me to perform the conversion of female to male genitalia with construction of the penis, scrotum and testicles on an outpatient office surgery basis. This consists of a series of three operations. The first surgical procedure consists of building a shaft of the penis on the central abdominal wall, much in the manner of the Donald Laub' Stanford procedure with skin grafting of this pedicle. This was done under general anesthesia with convalescence at a near by hotel. You should plan to spend at least ten days in Oklahoma City at that time and preferably fourteen, if possible. After a period of about two months we have you return for a minor second procedure, which consists of a delay prior to releasing the tube pedicle from the upper abdomen. This is done under local anesthesia and may return home the following day. Approximately two to three weeks after this, the third and final procedure is done, which consists of releasing the tube pedicle from the abdomen and forming the head of the penis, plus the construction of the scrotum of the testicles and burying the clitoris into the base of the penis that has been reconstructed. Again, you should plan to spend about seven days in Oklahoma City following this surgery.

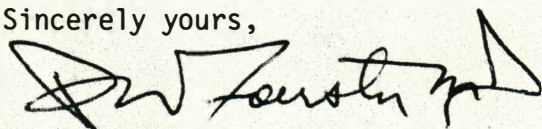
Because of the hospital situation, it is no longer possible to do the fourth procedure, which consisted of a vaginectomy and construction of a urethra through the penis, hooking this up to the female urethra, this totally obliterating all residual female organs. Thus, in spite of the hospital boycott of this surgery, we are able to completely reconstruct and convert the female genitalia to male genitalia, with the exception of the urinary tract and vaginectomy. Hopefully this will be available sometime in the future. The penis thus constructed will function sexually with the insertion of a baculum or rod into the hollow central shaft of the penis. A device is available from the Stanford group in California so that the urine can pass through the penis by a small specially designed tube and collecting cup.

The total costs for the three surgical costs and porcedures, including the operating suite is \$3,000.00. In addition, there is approximately \$250.00 anesthesia fee for each of the two major procedures for an additional total of approximately \$500.00. In addition to the \$3,500.00 basic fees, there are, of course, hotel and living expenses while in the Oklahoma City area.

We require clearence from two professionals in the health care field with a special interest in Gender Dysphoria. This clearence must be obtained prior to any surgical scheduling, as well as, a requirement of cross dressing and living as a male for at least one year during which hormone therapy is being given. This is basically the requirements of the International Gender Dysphoria Association.

If you require any further information or questions about the procedure for surgery, please feel free to call us.

Sincerely yours,



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