

*Behold I am with you always, yes, to the end of time.  
Matthew 28:20*

# National Bioethics Newsletter

## Family Court removes protection of children from gender ideology

On November 30th 2017 a decision was made by the full court of the Family Court of Australia to remove themselves from the decision-making process required for the use of cross sex hormones in children. No longer do these drug approvals in minors require permission from the Family Court.

The fate of gender confused children will now be left to therapists who have previously demonstrated support for the growing and popular concept of gender fluidity. Childhood gender dysphoria is described as the distress associated with persistent, insistent and resistant identification by a child with the gender of the opposite sex. Gender dysphoria involves a conflict between a person's physical gender and the gender with which they identify. There is no established cause for this, but we do know children are now reported to be suffering from this problem in unprecedented numbers.

Sydney paediatrician and Professor of paediatrics at Western Sydney University, John Whitehall, describes this 'epidemic of gender dysphoria' as a 'major problem of public health'. He polled 28 paediatrician colleagues with a total of 931 years experience. They collectively reported 12 cases from their prior experience, of which 10 had severe mental health problems and two had experienced severe sexual abuse.

Meanwhile 700 children have self-diagnosed gender dysphoria and presented to Melbourne Children's Hospital. As numbers increase 'exponentially' every year, Professor Whitehall describes this phenomenon as a 'behavioural fad', for which he blames a fanning media, internet websites and the 'so-called Safe Schools Programme'. He claims it is more dangerous to public health than tuberculosis.



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*'I am reminded of your sincere Faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice' 2 Tim 1:5*





## Biological sex is in every cell of our bodies

Distress occasioned by one's biological sex was called '**gender identity disorder**' up until 2013. At that time this distress was re-named 'gender dysphoria'. Children who 'consistently and persistently insist' that they are not the gender corresponding to their biological sex are so classified.

Since the western cultural affirmation of gender transition, there has been a **2000% increase** in the number of children claiming distress over their gender referred to the UK Gender Identity Service (2009 to 2016). Before the promotion of transition affirmation, 75 to 95% of these children naturally grew out of their distress. Desiring amputation of normal body parts has also been called 'body identity integrity disorder'.

**'No one is born transgender. Otherwise identical twins would have the same gender identity 100% of the time'** M. Cretella Paediatrician

**'The generative alliance of man and woman is a safeguard for the global humanism of men and women, not a handicap. Our history will not be renewed if we deny this truth..'**

Pope Francis

**'The danger of this charade is that the child may become ... programmed'** Paediatric Professor John Whitehall

The process of gender transition involves 3 steps:

### **1. Social Transition**

After the parent and child self present with a diagnosis of 'gender dysphoria', the child usually begins to emulate some attributes of the opposite sex, through their clothes, new names and pronouns, hairstyles, activities and accessing opposite sex toilets. Professor Whitehall expresses concern at this point that *'the child may become so programmed in self-identification that progression to the next stages is automatic'*.

### **2. Called 'Stage One': Hormone Blocking**

Drugs are given to these children to stop puberty. The hormone blocked is Gonadotrophin releasing hormone (GnRH). Puberty is normally initiated through GnRH which has numerous effects on the brain and also stimulates the pituitary gland in the brain to release hormones which mature the ovaries and testes to release oestrogen and testosterone.

**These children stay shorter than their peers and don't develop the sexual characteristics their friends do.** This is supposed to buy them time to decide what gender they are. The hormone blocking drugs are meant to be safe and reversible. However, studies of animal brains have shown they have a lasting effect on the limbic system. This is the part of the brain which integrates emotion with memory and intellect to make decisions. Professor Whitehall is concerned these blockers reduce executive function in animals and increase emotional lability. Usually given around 12 yrs. a 10 year-old Australian boy was puberty blocked.

‘..How can children develop a mature concept when their limbic system is being affected, and they are deprived of the general sexualizing influence of the GnRH [puberty initiation] on the brain as well as the specific sex hormones released from the stimulated glands?..’

Professor John Whitehall

Professor of Paediatrics at Western Sydney University

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*‘The number of Australian children at risk from massive intervention in their brains and bodies is enormous..’*

*J Whitehall*

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**3. Called ‘Stage Two’: Cross sex hormones to create the appearances of the opposite sex.**

The Family Court used to have authority over giving these drugs to children. They have some irreversible effects, including likely sterilization. Older men taking these oestrogen hormones exhibit grey matter wasting in the brain 10 x faster than that of normal ageing. Women taking testosterone have thickening of the grey matter. These effects can begin within months. There are also complications of thrombosis and high blood pressure.

These male and female cross hormones continue for the rest of their lives. The family court will no longer protect children from well meaning protagonist therapists or from parents who have been swept up in the dysphoria.

The protective role of the Family Court against gender ideologues and fashionable treatments with devastating consequences has now been abandoned.

**4. Called ‘Stage Three’: to remove normal anatomy and imitate the anatomy of the other sex.**

In Australia 5 girls under 18 years of age have had bilateral mastectomies.

These interventions are said to be needed for psychological wellness, since the gender identity disorder, now known as dysphoria, must be maintained.

‘When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I felt as a child I reasoned as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things’

1 Cor 13:11

‘Brothers, be not children in your understanding’

1 Cor 14:20



Time and again Jesus bears us on his shoulders. No one can strip us of the dignity bestowed upon us by this boundless and unfailing love.

Let us not flee from the resurrection of Jesus, let us never give up, come what will. May nothing inspire more than his life, which impels us onward.

Pope Francis

## ‘We are experiencing a moment in the annihilation of man as the image of God’ Pope Francis

Replacing natal gender in children with a drugged and surgical alternative is becoming suddenly and widely acceptable.

The days of true gender freedom are going and the limitless ranges of male and female psyches have been downgraded. There is a growing fostered perception that little girls who like to wear shorts and climb trees and explore mechanics etc may really be deep-down little boys needing a lifetime of hormone therapy; and little boys who play with domestic roles or the arts etc may really be little girls and require a matching body. Girls and boys who do not conform to prescribed gender description patterning may have their **confidence undermined and their natural personalities called into question** by gender ideology. Halting the normal growth of the healthy human body and damaging its reproductive organs are no longer considered child abuse.

## God entrusts creation and the history of the world to the alliance of man and woman Pope Francis

Why the sudden popularity and acceptability of hormonal childhood treatments? Why such doubts in children’s minds about who they are, **such intense pre-occupation and dissatisfaction with their own bodies?** Father John Flader writing in Sydney’s Catholic Weekly recently followed the money trail of Gender Ideology. Hundreds of millions of dollars are funneled into Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transexual (LGBT) causes from United Nations and European Union sub committees and the Rockefeller, Ford and Gates Foundations. These are also big financial supporters of contraception/abortion. The Foundations are big supporters of population control.

Transgender ideology is infiltrating our legislation, our culture and our children’s and grandchildren’s lives. The President of the American College of Pediatricians voices her concerns (<http://www.jpands.org/vol21no2/cretella.pdf>): This College of Paediatricians broke away from the ‘Academy of Pediatricians’ over the non-evidence based support the Academy was giving to LGBT and gender fluid issues.

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There is an International and an Australian Association of Catholic Grandparents. Cardinal Pell said their inaugural Mass in St Mary’s Cathedral in 2013. Our children our grandchildren and our neighbours’ grandchildren, our politicians and our therapists need our prayers. The futures and well being of many young children may well depend on prayers dissolving the mystique of a new culture which treats physically well adolescents with sterilization.

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Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception pray for us.

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