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Authors' objectives

This report has been prepared in response to a request for information on sex reassignment surgery in relation to applications for funding of such procedures. In particular, information was sought on generally accepted criteria for vaginoplasty.

Authors' conclusions

Vaginoplasty is one of a number of approaches to management of gender dysphoria in male to female transsexuals. There is no single model of treatment of transsexualism. An effective model of treatment will utilize hormone therapy and surgical reconstruction, and also include counselling, psychotherapeutic approaches, electrolysis and speech therapy. Reviews of results give strong evidence of the effectiveness of reassignment surgery.

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