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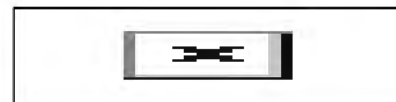
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Subject: RE: We have finished SOC-8

Good Afternoon Dr. Bouman

This is wonderful, congratulations. We very much look forward to reviewing. I will coordinate with Blaine.

Sarah

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Subject: Fwd: We have finished SOC-8

Dear Sarah and all,

I would be grateful if you could convey the message to Admiral Levine that - as of today - the SOC8 has been completed. It has been a humongous effort of this very complex global team effort, but the Chair Dr Eli Coleman and Co-Chairs Dr Asa Radix and Dr Jon Arcelus together with their Working Group Teams of over 100 clinical and academic members have done it - after 5 years of hard work!!

We hope to send you the final version of the SOC8 within the next week or so, as discussed and promised previously.

WPATH will submit the SOC8 for copy-editing and type-setting to our publisher Taylor & Francis to ensure timely publication in the International Journal of Transgender Health, the official WPATH journal, but this will - obviously - take some time.

In the meantime, there is no time to lose..... and we need to get going!!

I was pleased to hear from Blaine Vella, WPATH's Non-Executive Director and Cindi Craeger, our PR Consultant that you have had a very fruitful meeting to discuss and ensure that the SOC8's release and dissemination is being coordinated together, whilst WPATH will ensure a - hopefully simultaneous - global launch in the other global regions. In the next days we will be consulting with the Presidents and representatives of our Global Chapters (e.g., Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Latin America) to coordinate these.

It will be extremely helpful if you could help us to identify funds for both dissemination and funds to create and develop a free app to download the SOC8. We will invest to translate the SOC8 in as many languages as we can, but we count on you as a US Department for Health to assist us to disseminate the SOC8 as widely as is humanly possible in North America. And assistance and funding to translate the SOC8 into Spanish would be most welcome too. With current available technology that should be possible within a few days at little cost.

I will leave it to Blaine Vella and her staff to coordinate and arrange this with yourselves.

Wit warm wishes, and looking forward to getting this off the ground ASAP,

In servitude,

Walter

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Dear all,

We just want to inform you that we have now finished SOC-8 (waiting for one final change from the Voice chapter).

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I want to have a last look at the adolescent chapter tomorrow and we will send it to you together with the criteria and the introduction to be shared with Emily.

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Not sure if she wants the whole document. If she does, I am putting all the chapters into one document this week and I hope that Nat will be finishing the references this week too. So I can send this to you this week to share it with her too if she need this.

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Once we have everything into one, the chairs would like to have a last look again before is sent to the editor for the final editing.

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Regards

Jon

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Thanks Sarah.

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Subject: FW: Transgender Health & Diabetes Updates

Hi Hannah

Hope you are having a nice weekend. Flagging below for your re: Endocrine's updated gender confirmation guidelines. As you may know this Endocrine article is considered the go-to for hormone replacement guidelines (but it is nearly 5 years old now) - [Endocrine Treatment of Gender-Dysphoric/Gender-Incongruent Persons: An Endocrine Society* Clinical Practice Guideline | The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism | Oxford Academic \(oup.com\)](#)

Sarah

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Lis- perhaps the Insulin is helpful to Dr. Fink?

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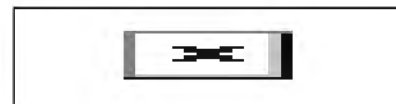
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My best,
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**Endocrine Society opposes Florida Department of Health policy on gender dysphoria
treatment for children and adolescents**

Misinformation disregards science and restricts access to evidence-based care

WASHINGTON—The Endocrine Society objects to the Florida Department of Health's bulletin on gender-affirming care for transgender and gender-diverse youth. The bulletin contradicts the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' resources and the Society's own evidence-based Clinical Practice Guideline regarding gender-affirming care.

We call on the Florida Department of Health to rescind its bulletin and allow physicians to provide evidence-based care.

Transgender and gender-diverse youth need access to evidence-based care that is supported by major international medical groups—including the Endocrine Society, American Medical Association, the American Psychological Association, and the American Academy of Pediatrics—and Clinical Practice Guidelines.

Medical evidence, not politics, should inform treatment decisions. The Florida Department of Health's bulletin cites only a handful of studies. This is in contrast to formal medical guidelines that comply with the Institute of Medicine's standards. Our Clinical Practice Guideline adheres to these national standards and cites more than 260 scientific studies.

The Florida Department of Health's policy reflects widespread misinformation about gender-affirming care. Gender-affirming care benefits the health and psychological functioning of transgender and gender-diverse youth. When an individual's gender identity is not respected and the individual cannot access medical care, it can result in higher psychological problem scores and can raise the person's risk of committing suicide or other acts of self-harm.

The Florida Department of Health's message to eliminate access to puberty-delaying medication for transgender and gender-diverse teenagers contradicts accepted medical practice. Only reversible treatments to delay puberty are recommended for younger

adolescents, according to our [Clinical Practice Guideline](#) and [joint policy perspective](#) issued with the Pediatric Endocrine Society. Puberty-delaying medication is a safe, reversible and conservative approach that gives teenagers and their families more time to explore their options. The same treatment has been used for decades to treat precocious puberty.

While the Florida Department of Health policy expresses concern about surgery being offered to teens younger than 18, the reality is that gender-affirming surgery is generally limited to adults who meet medical and psychological requirements.

There is broad consensus within the medical community about the importance of gender-affirming care. Other major international medical and scientific organizations such as WPATH, the European Society of Endocrinology, the European Society for Pediatric Endocrinology, the Pediatric Endocrine Society, the American Medical Association, the American Psychological Association, and the American Academy of Pediatrics are in alignment with the Society on the importance of gender-affirming care.

Widespread misinformation about medical care recommended for transgender and gender-diverse adolescents is fueling efforts to limit access to needed care. Twenty states have proposed legislation to limit access to care this year, according to [Freedom for All Americans](#).

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Subject: RE: We have finished SOC-8

Good Afternoon Dr. Bouman

This is wonderful, congratulations. We very much look forward to reviewing. I will coordinate with Blaine.

Sarah

From: Walter Bouman <walterbouman@doctors.org.uk>

Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 4:33 PM

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Dear Sarah and all,

I would be grateful if you could convey the message to Admiral Levine that - as of today - the SOC8 has been completed. It has been a humongous effort of this very complex global team effort, but the Chair Dr Eli Coleman and Co-Chairs Dr Asa Radix and Dr Jon Arcelus together with their Working Group Teams of over 100 clinical and academic members have done it - after 5 years of hard work!!

We hope to send you the final version of the SOC8 within the next week or so, as discussed and promised previously.

WPATH will submit the SOC8 for copy-editing and type-setting to our publisher Taylor & Francis to ensure timely publication in the International Journal of Transgender Health, the official WPATH journal, but this will - obviously - take some time.

In the meantime, there is no time to lose..... and we need to get going!!

I was pleased to hear from Blaine Vella, WPATH's Non-Executive Director and Cindi Craeger, our PR Consultant that you have had a very fruitful meeting to discuss and ensure that the SOC8's release and dissemination is being coordinated together, whilst WPATH will ensure a - hopefully simultaneous - global launch in the other global regions. In the next days we will be consulting with the Presidents and representatives of our Global Chapters (e.g., Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Latin America) to coordinate these.

It will be extremely helpful if you could help us to identify funds for both dissemination and funds to create and develop a free app to download the SOC8. We will invest to translate the SOC8 in as many languages as we can, but we count on you as a US Department for Health to assist us to disseminate the SOC8 as widely as is humanly possible in North America. And assistance and funding to translate the SOC8 into Spanish would be most welcome too. With current available technology that should be possible within a few days at little cost.

I will leave it to Blaine Vella and her staff to coordinate and arrange this with yourselves.

Wit warm wishes, and looking forward to getting this off the ground ASAP,

In servitude,

Walter

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Dear all,

We just want to inform you that we have now finished SOC-8 (waiting for one final change from the Voice chapter).

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I want to have a last look at the adolescent chapter tomorrow and we will send it to you together with the criteria and the introduction to be shared with Emily.

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Not sure if she wants the whole document. If she does, I am putting all the chapters into one document this week and I hope that Nat will be finishing the references this week too. So I can send this to you this week to share it with her too if she need this.

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Once we have everything into one, the chairs would like to have a last look again before is sent to the editor for the final editing.

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Regards

Jon

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