

U.S. Medical Associations Statements in Support of Established Medical Care for Transgender Adolescents

- **American Psychological Association**

2024: [APA Policy Statement on Affirming Evidence-Based Inclusive Care for Transgender, Gender Diverse, and Nonbinary Individuals, Addressing Misinformation, and the Role of Psychological Practice and Science](#)

“This policy statement affirms APA’s support for unobstructed access to healthcare and evidence-based clinical care for transgender, gender-diverse, and nonbinary children, adolescents, and adults...Furthermore, this policy statement addresses the spread of misleading and unfounded narratives that mischaracterize gender dysphoria and affirming care, likely resulting in further stigmatization, marginalization, and lack of access to psychological and medical supports for transgender, gender-diverse, and nonbinary individuals.”

- **American Medical Association**

2023: [Clarification of Evidence-Based Gender-Affirming Care](#)

The AMA recognizes that treatments for gender dysphoria and gender incongruence are medically necessary, and will work with stakeholders to advocate for laws and policies that protect access to care, oppose laws and policies that impede the provision of care, and support protections against liability for physicians and institutions who provide care and patients who seek it

- **American Academy of Pediatrics**

2023: [AAP reaffirms gender-affirming care policy, authorizes systematic review of evidence to guide update](#)

The AAP Board of Directors voted to reaffirm the 2018 AAP policy statement on gender-affirming care and authorized development of an expanded set of guidance for pediatricians based on a systematic review of the evidence. [P]olicy authors and AAP leadership are confident the principles presented in the original policy, [Ensuring Comprehensive Care and Support for Transgender and Gender-Diverse Children and Adolescents](#), remain in the best interest of children.

2022: [AAP continues to support care of transgender youths as more states push restrictions](#)

“It is critically important for every child to have access to quality, comprehensive and evidence-based care — transgender and gender-diverse youth are no exception,” said AAP Immediate Past President Lee Savio Beers, M.D., FAAP.

- **Joint Statement of Frontline Physicians**

- American Academy of Family Physicians
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- American College of Physicians
- American Osteopathic Association
- American Psychiatric Association

2021: [Frontline Physicians Oppose Legislation That Interferes in or Penalizes Patient Care for Transgender Individuals](#)

- **Pediatric Endocrine Society**

2021: [The Pediatric Endocrine Society Opposes Bills that Harm Transgender Youth](#)

- **Endocrine Society/Pediatric Endocrine Society**

2020: [Discriminatory policies threaten care for transgender, gender diverse individuals](#)

"The Endocrine Society and the Pediatric Endocrine Society oppose legislative efforts to block transgender and gender diverse individuals from accessing gender-affirming medical and surgical care, the two medical societies said in a joint policy perspective published in *The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism*."

2020: [Transgender Health Position Statement](#)

"There is a durable biological underpinning to gender identity that should be considered in policy determinations. Medical intervention for transgender youth and adults (including puberty suppression, hormone therapy and medically indicated surgery) is effective, relatively safe (when appropriately monitored), and has been established as the standard of care."

- **American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry**

2019: [AACAP Statement Responding to Efforts to ban Evidence-Based Care for Transgender and Gender Diverse Youth](#)

"The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) supports the use of current evidence-based clinical care with minors. AACAP strongly opposes any efforts – legal, legislative, and otherwise – to block access to these recognized interventions."

Additional medical organization statements can be found at the website of [Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund](#)