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Dear Board members,

I am writing to ask you to reconsider changes to the Code of Conduct, particularly in relation to Section 2.1.

I cannot believe how quickly some doctors seem to be accepting of the radical activists' view that sex and/or gender is not fixed and would seek to amend the Code of Conduct to reflect these delusions! Not having done the study required to qualify as a doctor I still believe that we are born either male or female as indicated by our genitalia and, if tested, our DNA. From what I have read there is only a very small percentage of people born with ambiguous or undetermined genitalia and it must be very difficult for the parents and for the child as they grow, particularly as they approach puberty and adulthood.

To require a doctor to address someone by pronouns that do not fit with their physical body or prevent them from expressing their opinions outside of work is not helpful if the doctor could be struck off for refusing to entertain the confused person's delusions. Most doctors would be very considerate of the person and not deliberately offend them so changing the code of conduct is not really going to help those people, but just make it difficult for doctors who don't agree with their choice/s.

Most of the people who are questioning their identity today have had something happen in their life which has caused them to question who they are. Before doctors add to their distress and trauma they should seek to find out what the underlying cause is; whether a grandmother dressed her grandson in a purple dress, as in Walt Heyer's case, or they were sexually assaulted, etc. Doctors don't treat anorexic patients by giving them liposuction but by treating the underlying causes and the same should happen with those with gender dysmorphic disorder.

With so many wanting to ban 'conversion therapy' why are they so eager to get people to reject one's natural sex/gender but so against returning to it if they decide they were wrong about what they thought it? Doctors should be the ones who are able to walk beside those who are confused and help them find their true identity within their birth sex. That may mean referring them to a psychiatrist or other therapist who can help them discover what may have caused the confusion and help them to accept their body they were born with, as it is.

The LGBTQI-etc activists would have us believe you can be born in the wrong body but I believe it would be better if the body was allowed to mature naturally and leave any drug or hormone therapy until the person is 21. If a teacher cannot give a pain killer without a parent or guardian's consent why are schools encouraged to suggest young people to undergo this life-changing treatment, often without parents' consent, at an age when their minds and bodies are still developing?

I hope the board will reconsider the changes to the Code of Conduct and leave it as it is.

Your sincerely

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