



Sex Change Surgery : Glossary

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-Facts at a glance-

Transsexual Sex reassignment surgery/Sex change surgery

"Vaginoplasty (sex reassignment surgery/sex change surgery) is a dramatic and irrevocable final step in male to female gender transition. This step is usually taken only after the deepest introspection and counselling regarding all the options. For those needing complete gender correction, this surgery is a life saving and life enhancing miracle, and can enable them to live a full and joyous life afterwards."

<http://ai.eecs.umich.edu/people/conway/TS/SRS.html>

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Dermaplaning

A plastic surgery technique used to treat deep acne scars with a hand-held instrument called a dermatome

Dermatochalasis

The presence of excess eyelid skin. This contributes to the appearance of upper & lower eyelid bags.

Dilation

Expansion of the cervix during labor or by the use of dilating rods during medical procedures.

Dilator

A device used after SRS to maintain depth and width of the vagina.

Double lumen breast implant

Refers to the presence of one silicone shell completely contained within another. The external bag contains silicone gel. The internal bag can be filled with saline. A filling tube is attached to the implant to allow the surgeon to change the volume of saline in the implant after surgery. There are 2 types of double lumen implants. One is 50:50 saline to gel the other is 25:75 saline to gel. The valve & reservoir can be hidden under the skin for volume changes after surgery & removed in the office under local anesthesia.

Douche

To flush out the inside of the vagina with water or another liquid. This practice is usually unnecessary and can actually upset the natural ph and floral balance of the vagina.

Electrolysis

Process of killing hair follicles, especially of facial and neck hair usually with an electric needle.

Embolism

Obstruction (blockage) of a blood vessel by foreign substances. The foreign substance could be fat, an air bubble or any of a number of substances. Blood clots are the most common type of embolus.

Endocrinologist

A doctor who specializes in the endocrine system, which produces and regulates hormones.

Endoscope

Surgical instrument consisting of a long, narrow, lighted tube. Can be rigid or flexible and has a wide range of uses in medicine. It can be used to facilitate the insertion of breast implants (particularly the axillary and umbilical approaches) and for some abdominal procedures. Use of an endoscope is called Endoscopy.

Estrogen

The principal female hormone, secreted by the ovaries, testes, and placenta.

Fistula

A very serious complication of SRS, where a hole develops between the colon and the vagina.

Flap

A mass of partially detached tissue. A skin flap contains only skin. Flaps of hair-laden scalp can be used to treat baldness.

Gel 'bleed'

Where tiny amounts of silicone gel leak across the implant's outer envelope or shell into the surrounding capsule and breast tissue. This silicone gel can also travel to other body tissues, particularly through the body's lymphatic system.

Gender Community

Colloquial for transgender community. People who identify as not having a gender identity that matches societies rules for their birth physical sex, or those who identify with the gender community.

Gender dysphoria

Dissatisfaction with one's gender. In extreme cases, this condition is known as transsexualism, in which a person desires to be the other gender.

Gender Dysphoria (GD) or Gender Identity Disorder (GID)

Refers to the dissatisfaction with one's gender (masculinity or femininity) which is in conflict with one's physical sex. The term is usually restricted to those who seek medical and surgical assistance to resolve their difficulty.

Gender Identity

The gender to which one feels they belong.

Gender identity

The gender one feels himself or herself to be, whether physiologically male or female.

Gender role

The role a person is expected to perform as a result of being male or female in a particular culture; as distinguished from the term "sex role" which is more ambiguous.

Useful Links

You need to do your research and become an informed patient. We have researched the best websites for links to comprehensive information.

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