Gender Pathway Services Clinic Children's Mercy



Gender Pathway Services Clinic Guides Transgender Treatment for Young Patients and Their Families

Gender Pathway Services (GPS) Clinic at Children's Mercy Kansas City provides interdisciplinary, familycentered services for transgender, gender-variant and gender-questioning patients. Our services are aimed at supporting the physical, mental and social health of patients and their families as they navigate the process of gender identity development.

Our team of pediatric specialists cares for patients with any gender variance. Patients receive care from specialists who work together to provide evidencebased care that is informed by the Clinical Practice Guidelines established by the Endocrine Society and Standards of Care proposed by the World Professional Association of Transgender Health (WPATH). The Gender Pathway Services Clinic is one of only a few such programs in the country and the only one in the Midwest.



About our Program

As specialists in pediatric and adolescent development, we recognize that each patient has a different "pathway," so we provide care that is unique to each family. Our goal is to keep families informed of their treatment options, providing them with medical and emotional support, advocacy and community resources.

Patients who come to our clinic usually fall within one or more of the following groups:

- **Gender non-conforming youth:** Children and adolescents who exhibit behavior that is not typical of their assigned birth sex.
- **Gender questioning youth:** Children and adolescents who are questioning their gender identities (e.g., "I was born a girl, but I wonder if I'm really a boy?").
- **Transgender and gender-fluid youth:** Children and adolescents who identify as a gender identity different from their assigned birth sex (e.g., "I was born a girl, but I am really a boy.").

Program Highlights

- Specialties represented in the clinic include endocrinology, psychology, adolescent medicine and social work.
- New patients receive a psychological evaluation, helping ensure the mental health needs of the family and patient are continuously supported.
- Patients receive hormonal testing and other diagnostic laboratory tests to evaluate any medical conditions that require treatment.
- We accept all children as new patients, up to 18 years old.

Contact Us

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