

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

CODY FLACK and
SARA ANN MAKENZIE,

Plaintiffs,

v.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH SERVICES and
LINDA SEEMEYER, in her official capacity
as Secretary of the Wisconsin Department
of Health Services,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:18-cv-00309-wmc
Judge William Conley

EXPERT WITNESS DECLARATION OF LOREN S. SCHECHTER, M.D.

I, Loren S. Schechter, M.D., declare as follows:

1. My name is Loren S. Schechter, M.D. I am a board certified plastic surgeon. I specialize in performing gender confirming surgeries (including chest reconstruction surgeries, genital reconstruction surgeries, and other procedures to feminize or masculinize the body, as described in more detail below),¹ and I am a recognized expert in this field.

2. I have been retained by counsel for Plaintiffs in the above-captioned lawsuit to provide an expert opinion on the standards of care for treating individuals diagnosed with gender dysphoria. In particular, I have been asked whether gender confirming surgeries are a safe,

¹ I refer to this family of procedures as “gender confirmation” or “gender affirming surgeries” because they are one of the therapeutic tools used to enable people to be comfortable living in accordance with their gender identities. Out of the myriad labels I’ve heard for these procedures—“sex reassignment surgery,” “gender reassignment surgery,” and “sex change operation,” to name but a few—none is as accurate when it comes to describing what is actually taking place as “gender confirmation” or “gender affirmation surgery.” Most, if not all, the other names used for these procedures suggest that a person is making a choice to switch genders, or that there is a single “surgery” involved. From the hundreds of discussions I have had with patients over the years, nothing could be further from the truth. This is not about choice; it’s about using one or more surgical procedures as therapeutic tools to enable people to live authentically.

effective, and medically accepted treatment for gender dysphoria experienced by transgender individuals, and whether a categorical exclusion on Medicaid coverage for gender confirming surgeries is consistent with the prevailing standards of care for treating transgender individuals diagnosed with gender dysphoria.

3. I have personal knowledge of the matters stated in this declaration.

Background and Qualifications

4. The information provided regarding my professional background, experiences, publications, and presentations are detailed in my curriculum vitae. A true and correct copy of my CV is attached to this declaration as Exhibit A.

5. I received my medical degree from the University of Chicago, Pritzker School of Medicine. I completed my residency and chief residency in plastic and reconstructive surgery and a fellowship in reconstructive microsurgery at the University of Chicago Hospitals.

6. I am currently a Visiting Clinical Professor of Surgery at the University of Illinois at Chicago. I also maintain a clinical practice in plastic surgery in Illinois where I treat patients from around the country, including from Wisconsin, as well as from around the world.

7. I have been performing gender confirming surgeries for over 18 years. For the past four or five years, I have been performing approximately 100-150 gender confirming procedures every year. I have performed over 500 gender confirming surgeries during my medical career. Currently, approximately 85-90 percent of the patients in my clinical practice are transgender individuals seeking gender confirmation surgeries.

8. I was a contributing author to the Seventh Version (current) of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health's (WPATH) *Standards of Care for the Health of Transsexual, Transgender, and Gender-Nonconforming People* (hereafter, "WPATH SOC").

In particular, I wrote the section focused on the relationship of the surgeon with the treating mental health professional and the physician prescribing hormone therapy. WPATH is in the midst of drafting the eighth version of the WPATH SOC. I am the co-lead on the surgical and postoperative care chapter in the eighth version.

9. The WPATH SOC provides clinical guidance for health professionals based on the best available science and expert professional consensus. The purpose of the WPATH SOC is to assist health providers in delivering medical care to transgender people to provide them with safe and effective pathways to achieving lasting personal comfort with their gendered selves, in order to maximize their overall health, psychological well-being, and self-fulfillment.

10. In addition, I have written a number of peer-reviewed journal articles and chapters in professional textbooks about gender confirmation surgeries. In 2016, I published *Surgical Management of the Transgender Patient*, the first surgical atlas (a reference guide for surgeons on how to perform surgical procedures using safe, well-established techniques) dedicated to gender confirming surgeries. A full and complete list of my publications is included in my CV.

11. I am a guest reviewer for the *Journal of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery*, the *Journal of Reconstructive Microsurgery*, and the *Journal of Sexual Medicine*. I also serve on the editorial board of both *Transgender Health* and the *International Journal of Transgenderism*. Each of these publications is a peer-reviewed medical journal.

12. I am actively involved in training other surgeons to perform gender confirming surgeries. Last year I started the surgical fellowship in gender surgery at Weiss Memorial Hospital in Chicago. I am also the Medical Director of the Center for Gender Confirmation Surgery at Weiss Memorial Hospital. In addition, I am the site director for a fellowship in

reconstructive urology and gender surgery at Weiss Memorial Hospital, under the auspices of the Department of Urology at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

13. I have given dozens of public addresses, seminars, and lectures on gender confirming surgery, including many through the American Society of Plastic Surgeons. I have also taught a number of courses through WPATH's Global Education Initiative, which provides training courses toward a member certification program in transgender health for practitioners around the world. In addition, I recently co-directed the first live surgery course in gender confirming procedures at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City.

14. I am also a former member of the Board of Governors of the American College of Surgeons and a current member of the Board of Directors of WPATH.

15. I am being compensated at an hourly rate of \$450/hour plus expenses for my time spent preparing this declaration and providing local testimony (including deposition or providing hearing testimony by telephone or video-teleconference). I will be compensated a flat daily rate of \$7000 for any out-of-town deposition or hearing testimony. My compensation does not depend on the outcome of this litigation, the opinions I express, or the testimony I may provide.

16. In the previous four years, I was retained as an expert witness by the defense in *Willis v. Flagg*, a medical malpractice case heard in Cook County (IL) Circuit Court. In that case, I testified as an expert witness at trial. I was also retained as an expert witness by the defense in *Carver v. VanRaalte*, a medical malpractice case heard in Rock Island County (IL) Circuit Court. Again, I testified as an expert witness at trial. I do not remember giving expert testimony at a trial or at a deposition in any other case in the last four years.

Basis for Opinions

17. My opinions contained in this report are based on: (1) my clinical experience as a surgeon performing gender confirming surgeries for patients; (2) my knowledge of the peer-reviewed research, including my own, regarding gender confirming surgeries, which reflects the clinical advancements in these procedures and the corresponding growth in research related to their safety and effectiveness in treating gender dysphoria; (3) my work as a contributing author of the WPATH SOC; and (4) my work as an author and teacher of surgical techniques used in gender confirming surgeries.

Discussion

Background on Gender Identity and Gender Dysphoria

18. The term “transgender” is used to describe a diverse group of individuals whose gender identity, or internal sense of being male or female (or both or neither), differs from the sex they were assigned at birth.

19. Many transgender individuals experience gender dysphoria at some point in their lives. Gender dysphoria is defined as distress caused by a discrepancy between a person’s gender identity and that person’s primary and/or secondary sexual characteristics.

20. Gender dysphoria is a serious medical condition recognized by the International Classification of Diseases-10 (ICD-10) and the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-V) published by the American Psychiatric Association. Individuals diagnosed with gender dysphoria have an intense and persistent discomfort with the primary and/or secondary sex characteristics of the sex they were assigned at birth.

21. Gender dysphoria can lead to debilitating anxiety and depression, as well as serious incidents of self-harm, including self-mutilation, suicide attempts, and suicide.

22. Appropriate medical care, including mental health services, hormone therapy, and gender confirming surgeries, can help alleviate gender dysphoria. Gender confirming surgeries, which bring a person's body into better alignment with their gender identity, have been shown to be an effective treatment for gender dysphoria.

Gender Confirming Surgeries are Standard, Medically Accepted Treatments for Gender Dysphoria and Are Medically Necessary for Many Transgender People

23. The World Professional Association for Transgender Health is a non-profit professional and educational organization devoted to transgender health. WPATH's mission is "to promote evidence-based care, education, research, advocacy, public policy, and respect in transgender health." WPATH, Mission and Vision, <https://www.wpath.org/about/mission-and-vision>.

24. WPATH publishes *Standards of Care for the Health of Transsexual, Transgender, and Gender Nonconforming People*. The WPATH SOC are based on the best available scientific evidence and expert professional consensus.

25. WPATH published the first version of the standards of care in 1979. The guidelines have since been updated, the most current version being the seventh edition. These updates reflect the significant advances made in the understanding, management, and care of transgender individuals.

26. The WPATH SOC are widely recognized guidelines for the clinical management of transgender individuals with gender dysphoria. Most surgeons who regularly treat individuals experiencing gender dysphoria, including myself, practice in accordance with the WPATH SOC.

27. As indicated in the WPATH SOC, effective treatment options for gender dysphoria include psychotherapy, hormone therapy to feminize or masculinize the body, and

various surgical procedures to align a person's primary and/or secondary sex characteristics with the person's gender identity. (SOC at 9-10).

28. Surgery is often the last and most considered of the treatment options. Not every transgender person wants, requires, or qualifies for every available surgical procedure. In fact, the SOC notes that “[t]he number and sequence of surgical procedures may vary from patient to patient, according to their clinical needs.” (SOC at 58). Evidence shows that while some transgender individuals do not require surgery, “for many others surgery is essential and medically necessary to alleviate their gender dysphoria. For the latter group, relief from gender dysphoria cannot be achieved without modification of their primary and/or secondary sex characteristics to establish greater congruence with their gender identity.” (SOC at 54-55).

29. For transgender women (women who were assigned male at birth and have a female gender identity), surgical treatment options that are generally accepted in the medical community and are consistent with the WPATH SOC include, but are not limited to:

- Chest reconstruction surgery: augmentation mammoplasty (breast implants);
- Genital reconstruction surgeries: penectomy (removal of the penis), orchiectomy (removal of the testes), vaginoplasty, clitoroplasty, and/or vulvoplasty (creation of female genitalia); and
- Other surgeries to feminize the body, such as: reduction thyroid chondroplasty (reduction of the Adam's apple), voice modification surgery, suction-assisted lipoplasty and/or lipofilling (contour modeling) of the waist, hair transplantation, and facial feminization procedures. (SOC at 57)

30. For transgender men (men who were assigned female at birth and have a male gender identity), surgical treatment options that are generally accepted in the medical community and are consistent with the WPATH SOC include, but are not limited to:

- Chest reconstruction surgery: subcutaneous mastectomy, creation of a male chest;
- Genital reconstruction surgeries: hysterectomy/salpingo-oophorectomy (removal of the uterus and ovaries), reconstruction of the fixed part of the urethra, which can be combined with a metoidioplasty or a phalloplasty (creation of a penis), vaginectomy (removal of the vagina), scrotoplasty (creation of the scrotum), and implantation of erection and/or testicular prostheses; and
- Other surgeries to masculinize the body, such as: liposuction, lipofilling, pectoral implants, and body contouring procedures. (SOC at 57).

31. Surgeons generally consider surgeries performed to treat gender dysphoria as reconstructive. This is true even though the same surgical procedures might be considered cosmetic when performed on someone without a diagnosis of gender dysphoria. As discussed further below, some of these procedures are similar to other reconstructive procedures performed for other diagnoses (*e.g.*, breast cancer). No particular surgery is inherently cosmetic or inherently reconstructive; rather, the underlying diagnosis determines whether the procedure is considered cosmetic or reconstructive. Because these medically necessary procedures help transgender individuals to live and present in a manner more consistent with their gender identity and therefore reduce their dysphoria, the professional medical consensus recognizes that these are appropriately categorized as reconstructive procedures.

32. The WPATH SOC sets forth criteria for initiation of surgical treatment. For adults seeking chest and/or genital reconstruction procedures, the criteria are:

- The patient has the capacity to make fully informed decisions and to consent for treatment.
- If the patient has other significant medical or mental health concerns, they are reasonably well-controlled prior to surgery.
- The patient has persistent gender dysphoria as documented by at least one mental health professional for chest reconstruction surgeries and two such professionals for genital reconstruction surgeries.
- Prior to genital reconstruction surgery, the patient has undergone 12 continuous months of hormone therapy, unless hormone therapy is not clinically indicated for that patient.² The purpose of the prerequisite is to introduce a period of estrogen or testosterone suppression before the patient undergoes a surgical intervention.
- Prior to certain genital reconstruction procedures – metoidioplasty, phalloplasty, or vaginoplasty – the patient has lived for 12 continuous months in a gender role that is congruent with their gender identity. The prerequisite ensures that the patient has ample opportunity to experience and socially adjust in their desired gender role, before undergoing this surgery.³ (SOC at 60).

² While not an explicit criterion, the WPATH SOC recommends that individuals undergo 12 months of continuous hormone therapy prior to breast augmentation surgery to obtain the best possible outcome. (SOC at 59).

³ While not an explicit criterion, the WPATH SOC also recommend that these individuals see a mental health or other medical professional during this 12 month period. (SOC at 60).

33. The Endocrine Society—the leading professional organization devoted to research on hormones and the clinical practice of endocrinology—has also issued clinical guidelines for the treatment of transgender individuals.⁴ The guidelines indicate that for many transgender individuals, gender confirming surgery is a necessary and effective treatment.⁵

34. The broader medical community, including the American Medical Association, American Psychological Association, American Psychiatric Association, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American Academy of Family Physicians, and World Health Organization, recognizes that gender confirming surgery is standard, appropriate, and necessary treatment for many people with gender dysphoria.

Gender Confirmation Surgeries Are Safe and Effective Treatment for Gender Dysphoria

35. The available peer-reviewed literature concludes that when performed in accordance with the SOC, gender confirmation surgery is effective in alleviating gender dysphoria.

36. For example, one peer-reviewed study of transgender men found that 91% of a sample who received phalloplasty reported that the surgery was effective in aligning their physical appearance with their male gender identity.⁶ Another peer-reviewed study of transgender

⁴ Wylie C. Hembree et al., *Endocrine Treatment of Gender-Dysphoric/Gender-Incongruent Persons: An Endocrine Society Clinical Practice Guideline*, 102 J. Clin. Endocrinology & Metabolism 3869 (2017).

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ Leriche, A., Timsit, M., Morel-Journal, N., Bouillot, A., Dembele, D., & Ruffion, A. (2008). Long-term outcome of forearm free-flap phalloplasty in the treatment of transsexualism. *BJU International*, 101(10), 1297-1300. doi:10.1111/j.1464-410x.2007.07362; see also Morrison, S. D., Shakir, A., Vyas, K. S., Kirby, J., Crane, C. N. & Lee, G. K. (2016). Phalloplasty: A Review of Techniques and Outcomes. (concluding that “[P]halloplasty is highly efficacious and beneficial to patients.”).

men who received chest reconstruction found that the procedure improved psychosocial well-being and physical well-being among participants.⁷

37. Similarly, a peer-reviewed study of transgender women found that those who underwent breast augmentation surgeries experienced statistically significant improvements in their psychosocial well-being.⁸ Another peer-reviewed study of transgender women who had vaginoplasty found that study participants' mean improvement in quality of life after surgery was 7.9 on a scale from -10 to 10.⁹ Another study of transgender women found that surgical interventions were highly correlated with alleviating gender dysphoria.¹⁰

38. When performing gender confirming surgery, surgeons use many of the same procedures that they use to treat other medical conditions. For example, surgeons regularly perform mastectomies and chest/breast reconstruction, hysterectomies/salpingo-oophorectomies, and orchiectomies to treat individuals with cancer, or a genetic predisposition to cancer (BRCA 1, 2 genes in the case of prophylactic mastectomy or oophorectomy). Similarly, surgeons perform procedures to reconstruct male or female external genitalia for individuals who have certain medical conditions (*e.g.*, cancer) or who have suffered traumatic injuries or disabling infections to their genitalia. For the male genitalia, this would include procedures to correct conditions such as hypospadias, epispadias, exstrophy, fournier's gangrene, penile webbing, or

⁷ Agarwal, A. et al., (2018). Quality of life improvement after chest wall masculinization in female-to-male transgender patients: A prospective study using the BREAST-Q and Body Uneasiness Test, 71, 651-657.

⁸ Weigert, R., Frison, E., Sessiecq, Q., Mutairi, K. A., & Casoli, V. (2013). Patient Satisfaction with Breasts and Psychosocial, Sexual, and Physical Well-Being after Breast Augmentation in Male-to-Female Transsexuals. *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery*, 132(6), 1421-1429. doi:10.1097/01.prs.0000434415.70711.49.

⁹ Horbach, S. E. R., Bouman, M., Smit, J. M., Ozer, M., Buncamper, M. & Mullender, M. G. (2015). Outcome of Vaginoplasty in Male-to-Female Transgenders: A Systematic Review of Surgical Techniques.

¹⁰ Hess, J., Neto, R., Panic, L., Rubben, H. & Senf, W. (2014). Satisfaction with Male-to-Female Gender Reassignment Surgery. (Among survey respondents, the majority (90.2%) said that their expectations for life as a woman were fulfilled after surgery. A similarly high percentage (85.4%) saw themselves as women.).

buried penis (which can occur as a result of obesity, diabetes, or recurrent infections). For the female genitalia, this would include procedures to correct conditions such as congenital absence of the vagina or reconstruction of the vagina/vulva following oncologic resection, traumatic injury, or infection.

39. When billing insurers for reimbursement, health care providers use Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes, which are developed and maintained by the American Medical Association. The same code or codes may apply to a particular procedure regardless of whether the procedure is performed on a transgender patient or a cisgender patient. For example, a subcutaneous mastectomy may be performed for a cisgender woman to reduce her risk of breast cancer or for a transgender man with gender dysphoria. The same CPT code may be used for both procedures.

Conclusions

40. It is my professional opinion, consistent with the prevailing standards of care, that gender confirming surgery is safe, effective, and medically necessary for many individuals with gender dysphoria.

41. Based on my 18 years of clinical experience performing gender confirming procedures, and my knowledge of the standards of care and relevant peer-reviewed literature, it is my professional opinion that gender confirming surgeries are a safe and effective treatment for gender dysphoria, and that these surgeries are medically necessary treatments for gender dysphoria for many transgender individuals. In my experience, the overwhelming number of individuals who undergo gender confirming procedures describe improvement in their quality of life and overall functioning.

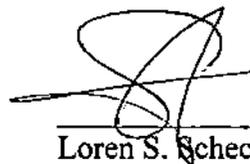
42. Based on my experience and review of the literature, it is my professional opinion that the denial of necessary medical care is likely to perpetuate gender dysphoria and create or

exacerbate other medical issues, such as depression and anxiety, leading to an increased possibility of self-harm, negative health outcomes, and even suicide.

43. In my professional opinion, the Wisconsin regulation prohibiting Medicaid coverage of gender confirming surgery is not consistent with the prevailing standards of care for treating transgender individuals diagnosed with gender dysphoria, nor is it consistent with the peer-reviewed scientific and medical research demonstrating that gender confirming surgeries are safe and effective treatments for gender dysphoria. To the extent the Wisconsin regulation is premised on the assumption that gender confirming surgical care is never medically necessary, that assumption is wrong. The standards of care confirm, based on clinical evidence, that gender confirmation surgeries are medically necessary to help people alleviate an often lifelong struggle to find peace of mind and lasting comfort with their bodies.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 16th day of May, 2018.



Loren S. Schechter, M.D.

EXHIBIT A

C.V. of Loren S. Schechter, M.D.

Curriculum Vitae

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CERTIFICATION: The American Board of Plastic Surgery 2001
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Maintenance of Certification: 2011

EDUCATION:

1986-1990	The University of Michigan	BS, 1990
1990-1994	The University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine	MD, 1994

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING:

Residency:	The University of Chicago Hospitals Coordinated Training Program in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	1994-1999
Chief Resident:	The University of Chicago Hospitals Section of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	1998-1999
Fellowship:	Reconstructive Microsurgery The University of Chicago Hospitals Section of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	1999-2000

TEACHING APPOINTMENT:

Visiting clinical professor, The University of Illinois at Chicago

Associate Professor, Physician Assistant Program, College of Health Professionals, Rosalind Franklin University

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STAFF APPOINTMENTS: University of Illinois at Chicago Hospital

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital
Louis A. Weiss Memorial Hospital
Illinois Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Surgery Center

HONORS AND AWARDS:

2015 University of Minnesota Program in Human Sexuality
Leadership Council
2014 National Center for Lesbian Rights honored guest
2013 Illinois State Bar Association Award for
Community Leadership
2010 Advocate Lutheran General 2009 Physicians
Philanthropy Leadership Committee-Outstanding
Leadership
2009 Advocate Lutheran General Hospital Value Leader
1994 Doctor of Medicine with Honors
1994 University of Chicago Department of Surgery Award for
Outstanding Performance in the Field of Surgery
1994 Catherine Dobson Prize for the Best Oral Presentation
Given at the 48th Annual Senior Scientific Session in
The Area of Clinical Investigation
1993 Alpha Omega Alpha
1991 University of Chicago National Institutes
Of Health Summer Research Award
1990 Bachelor of Science with High Distinction
And Honors in Economics
1990 James B. Angell Award for Academic Distinction
1989 Omicron Delta Epsilon-National Economic Honor
Society
1988 College Honors Program Sophomore Honors Award
For Academic Distinction
1988 Class Honors (Dean's List)

MEMBERSHIPS:

2016- The American Society for Gender Surgeons
(founding member and president-elect)
2010- World Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery
2005- The University of Chicago Plastic Surgery Alumni
Association
2005- The Chicago Surgical Society
2004- The American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery
2003- The American College of Surgeons
2002- The American Society of Plastic Surgeons
2001- Illinois Society of Plastic Surgeons (formerly,
Chicago Society of Plastic Surgeons)
2001- The American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons
2001- American Burn Association
2001- Midwest Association of Plastic Surgeons
2001- WPATH
1994- The University of Chicago Surgical Society
1994- The University of Chicago Alumni Association
1992- American Medical Association
1992- Illinois State Medical Society
1992- Chicago Medical Society
1990- The University of Michigan Alumni Association

CURRENT HOSPITAL COMMITTEES:

Director, Center for Gender Confirmation Surgery,
Louis A. Weiss Memorial Hospital

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY COMMITTEES:

Board of Directors, at-large, The World Professional Association for
Transgender Health

PlastyPac, Chair, Board of Governors

American Society of Plastic Surgeons, Coding and Payment Policy Committee

American Society of Plastic Surgeons, Practice Management Education Committee

Medicare Carrier Advisory Committee

Chair of the Metro Chicago District #2 Committee on Applicants, American
College of Surgeons

American Society of Plastic Surgery, Health Policy Committee

American Society of Plastic Surgery, Patient Safety Committee

OTHER:

Guest Book Reviewer, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Editorial Board, Transgender Health

Editorial Board (Associate Editor), International Journal of Transgenderism

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Guest Reviewer, Journal of Reconstructive Microsurgery

Guest Reviewer, Journal of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Guest Reviewer, Journal of Sexual Medicine

Guest Editor, Clinics in Plastic Surgery, Transgender Surgery (Elsevier
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Guest Reviewer, The Journal of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

PREVIOUS EDITORIAL ROLE:

Guest Reviewer, EPlasty, online Journal

Module Editor for Patient Safety, Plastic Surgery
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Medical Staff Executive Committee, Secretary, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital

Credentials Committee, Lutheran General Hospital

Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee Lutheran General Hospital

Operating Room Committee, St. Francis Hospital

Cancer Committee, Lutheran General Hospital
-Director of Quality Control

Risk and Safety Assessment Committee, Lutheran General Hospital

Nominating Committee, Rush North Shore Medical Center

Surgical Advisory Committee, Rush North Shore Medical Center

Section Director, Plastic Surgery, Rush North Shore Medical Center

PREVIOUS SOCIETY COMMITTEES:

Board of Governors, Governor-at-large, The American College of Surgeons

American College of Surgeons, International Relations Committee

Chair, Government Affairs Committee, American Society of Plastic Surgeons

President, The Metropolitan Chicago Chapter of The American College of Surgeons

2012 Nominating Committee, American Society of Plastic Surgeons

Program Committee, The World Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery, 2013 Bi-Annual Meeting

President, Illinois Society of Plastic Surgeons

Vice-President, The Illinois Society of Plastic Surgeons (formerly the Chicago Society of Plastic Surgery)

Vice-President, The Metropolitan Chapter of the American College of Surgeons

American Society of Plastic Surgery, Chairman, Patient Safety Committee
2006-2007 Pathways to Leadership, The American Society of Plastic Surgery
2005 & 2006 President, The University of Chicago Plastic Surgery Alumni Association
2003 Leadership Tomorrow Program, The American Society of Plastic Surgery
Senior Residents Mentoring Program, The American Society of Plastic Surgery
American Society of Maxillofacial Surgery, Education Committee
Alternate Councilor, Chicago Medical Society
American Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, Electronic Communications Committee
American Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, Intranet Steering Committee
American Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, International Committee
Membership Coordinator, The Chicago Society of Plastic Surgeons
The Illinois State Medical Society, Governmental Affairs Council
The Illinois State Medical Society, Council on Economics
Chicago Medical Society, Physician Review Committee
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Chairman, Chicago Medical Society, Healthcare Economics Committee
Secretary/Treasurer, The Metropolitan Chicago Chapter of the American College of Surgeons
Scientific Committee, 2007 XX Biennial Symposium WPATH
Local Organizing Committee 2007 WPATH
Secretary, The Chicago Society of Plastic Surgeons
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COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Board of Directors, Committee on Jewish Genetic Diseases, Jewish United Fund, Chicago, Illinois

Board of Directors, Chicago Plastic Surgery Research Foundation

PREVIOUS COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Governing Council, Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Il

Lutheran General Hospital Development Council, Park Ridge, Il

Lutheran General Hospital Men's Association, Park Ridge, Il

Advisory Board, Committee on Jewish Genetic Diseases, Cancer Genetics Subcommittee, Jewish United Fund, Chicago, Illinois

Health Care Advisory Board, Congressman Mark Kirk, 10th Congressional District, Illinois

Major Gifts Committee, Saint Francis Hospital Development Council, Evanston, Il

Visiting Professor:

1. University of Utah, Division of Plastic Surgery, November 6-8, 2014.
2. Northwestern University, Division of Plastic Surgery, April 21-22, 2016.
3. The University of North Carolina, Division of Plastic Surgery, March 28-29, 2017
4. Georgetown University, Department of Plastic Surgery, May 17-18, 2017

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1. Role of Omental Stem Cells in Wound Healing (Grant: Tawani Foundation)
2. Robotic-Assisted Bilateral Prophylactic Nipple Sparing Mastectomy with Immediate Tissue Expander/Implant Reconstruction (Pending submission to the FDA for Investigational Device Exemption in association with Intuitive Surgical)
3. Transgender Health and Medicine Research Conference, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD May 7-8, 2015

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3. Robert F. Lohman, **Loren S. Schechter**, Lawrence S. Zachary, Solomon Aronson: Evaluation of Changes in Skeletal Muscle Blood Flow in the Dog with Contrast Ultrasonography Revisited: Has the Technique Been Useful, and Where

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6. Iris A. Seitz, MD, David Tojo, MD, **Loren S. Schechter**, MD Anatomy of a Medication Error: Inadvertent Intranasal Injection of Neosynephrine During Nasal Surgery - A Case Report and Review of The Literature (accepted for publication, *Journal of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery*, March 2010)

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89. Aesthetica Super Symposium, The American Society of Plastic Surgeons, Female to Male Gender Reassignment, Washington, DC June 23-25, 2016
90. Aesthetica Super Symposium, The American Society of Plastic Surgeons, The journal of retractions, what I no longer do, Washington, DC June 23-25, 2016
91. Aesthetica Super Symposium, The American Society of Plastic Surgeons, The three minute drill, tips and tricks, Washington, DC June 23-25, 2016
92. Aesthetica Super Symposium, The American Society of Plastic Surgeons, Moderator, Mini master class: Male genital plastic surgery, Washington, DC June 23-25, 2016
93. The 16th Annual Chicago Trauma Symposium, August 18-21, 2016, Chicago, IL "Soft Tissue Defects-Getting Coverage"
94. USPATH Poster Session, Feb 2-5, 2017, Los Angeles, CA, Partial Flap Failure Five Weeks Following Radial Forearm Phalloplasty: Case Report and Review of the Literature
95. USPATH Poster Session, Feb 2-5, 2017, Los Angeles, CA, Urethroplasty for Stricture after Phalloplasty in Transmen Surgery for Urethral Stricture Disease after Radial Forearm Flap Phalloplasty-Management Options in Gender Confirmation Surgery
96. USPATH, Feb 2-5, 2017, Los Angeles, CA, Patient Evaluation and Chest Surgery in Transmen: A Pre-operative Classification
97. USPATH, Feb 2-5, 2017, Los Angeles, CA Single Stage Urethral Reconstruction in Flap Phalloplasty: Modification of Technique for Construction of Proximal Urethra
98. USPATH, Feb 2-5, 2017, Los Angeles, CA, Use of Bilayer Wound Matrix on Forearm Donor Site Following Phalloplasty
99. USPATH, Feb 2-5, 2017, Los Angeles, CA, Vaginoplasty: Surgical Techniques
100. USPATH, Feb 2-5, 2017, Los Angeles, CA, Positioning of a Penile Prosthesis with an Acellular Dermal Matrix Wrap following Radial Forearm Phalloplasty
101. USPATH, Feb 2-5, 2017, Los Angeles, CA, Principles for a Gender Surgery Program
102. USPATH, Feb 2-5, 2017, Los Angeles, CA, Construction of a Neovagina Using a Modified Intestinal Vaginoplasty Technique

103. The 18th Annual Chicago Orthopedic Symposium, July 6-9, 2017, Chicago, IL "Soft Tissue Defects-Getting Coverage"
104. The American Society of Plastic Surgeons Annual meeting, October 6-10, 2017, Orlando, FL, Moderator: Genital Surgery Trends for Women
105. The American Society of Plastic Surgeons Annual meeting, October 6-10, 2017, Orlando, FL, Adding Transgender Surgery to Your Practice, Moderator and Speaker
106. The American Society of Plastic Surgeons Annual meeting, October 6-10, 2017, Orlando, FL, Transbottom Surgery
107. 14th Congress of The European Federation of Societies for Microsurgery, Belgrade, Ma5 5-8, 2018 A Novel Approach to IPP Implantation Post Phalloplasty: The Chicago Experience
108. 14th Congress of The European Federation of Societies for Microsurgery, Belgrade, Ma5 5-8, 2018, A Novel Approach for Neovagina Configuration During Vaginoplasty for Gender Confirmation Surgery
109. 14th Congress of The European Federation of Societies for Microsurgery, Belgrade, Ma5 5-8, 2018 Development of a Pelvic Floor Physical Therapy Protocol for Patients Undergoing Vaginoplasty for Gender Confirmation
110. 14th Congress of The European Federation of Societies for Microsurgery, Belgrade, Ma5 5-8, 2018 Establishing Guidelines for Gender Confirmation Surgery: The Perioperative Risk of Asymptomatic Deep Venous Thrombosis for Vaginoplasty

INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES:

1. Emory University and WPATH: Contemporary Management of Transgender Patients: Surgical Options and Decision-Making, September 5, 2007 Chicago, IL
2. Craniomaxillofacial Trauma Surgery: An Interdisciplinary Approach, February 16-17, 2008, Burr Ridge, IL
3. Societa Italiana Di Microchirurgia, XXIII Congresso Nazionale della Societa Italiana di Microchirurgia, First Atlanto-Pacific Microsurgery Conference, Modena, Italy, October 1-3, 2009, Moderator: Free Papers, Lower Extremity
4. American Society of Plastic Surgeons Annual Meeting, October 23-27, 2009, Seattle, WA, Moderator: ASPS/ASPSN Patient Panel: Effective Communication-A Key to Patient Safety and Prevention of Malpractice Claims
5. American Society of Plastic Surgeons Annual Meeting, October 23-27, 2009, Seattle, WA, Instructional Course: Strategies to Identify and Prevent Errors and Near Misses in Your Practice
6. American Society of Plastic Surgeons Annual Meeting, October 23-27, 2009, Seattle, WA, Roundtable Discussion: Electronic Health Records-Implications for Plastic Surgeons

7. 10th Congress of The European Federation of Societies for Microsurgery, May 2-22, 2010, Genoa, Italy, "The Mangled Lower Extremities: An Algorithm for Soft Tissue Reconstruction."
8. Multispecialty Course for Operating Room Personnel-Craniomaxillofacial, Orthopaedics, and Spine, A Team Approach, AO North American, June 26-27, 2010, The Westin Lombard Yorktown Center.
9. Management of Emergency Cases in the Operating Room, The American Society of Plastic Surgeons Annual Meeting, October 4, 2010, Toronto, CA.
10. Surgical Approaches and Techniques in Craniomaxillofacial Trauma, November 6, 2010, Burr Ridge, IL.
11. The Business of Reconstructive Microsurgery: Maximizing Economic value (Chair)The American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery, January 14-17, 2012, Las Vegas, Nevada.
12. Strategies to Identify and Prevent Errors and Near Misses in Your Practice, The Annual Meeting of The American Society of Plastic Surgeons, October 25th-30th, 2012, New Orleans, LA
13. Strategies to Identify and Prevent Errors and Near Misses in Your Practice, The Annual Meeting of The American Society of Plastic Surgeons, October 11th-15th, 2013, San Diego, CA
14. Mythbusters: Microsurgical Breast Reconstruction in Private Practice, The Annual Meeting of The American Society of Plastic Surgeons, October 11th-15th, 2013, San Diego, CA
15. Minimizing Complications in Perioperative Care, The American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery, January 11-14, 2014, Kauai, Hawaii
16. Genitourinary and Perineal Reconstruction, The American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery, January 11-14, 2014, Kauai, Hawaii
17. Transgender Breast Surgery, The American Society of Plastic Surgeons, October 16-20, 2015, Boston, MA
18. Gender Confirmation Surgery, The School of the Art Institute (recipient of American College Health Fund's Gallagher Koster Innovative Practices in College Health Award), October 27, 2015, Chicago, IL
19. Transgender Health: Best Practices in Medical and Mental Health Care. A WPATH Certified Training Course, November 5-7, 2015, Chicago, IL Overview of Surgical Treatment Options
20. Transgender Health: Best Practices in Medical and Mental Health Care. A WPATH Certified Training Course, November 5-7, 2015 Chicago, IL Surgical Procedures
21. Transgender Health: Best Practices in Medical and Mental Health Care. A WPATH Certified Training Course, November 5-7, 2015, Chicago, IL Surgical Complications

22. Transgender Health: Best Practices in Medical and Mental Health Care. A WPATH Certified Training Course, November 5-7, 2015, Chicago, IL Post-operative Care
23. Transgender Health: Best Practices in Medical and Mental Health Care. A WPATH Certified Training Course, November 5-7, 2015, Chicago, IL Case Discussions: The Multidisciplinary Team
24. Transgender Health: Best Practices in Medical and Mental Health Care. A WPATH Certified Training Course, January 20-23, 2016, Atlanta, GA Overview of Surgical Treatment Options
25. Transgender Health: Best Practices in Medical and Mental Health Care. A WPATH Certified Training Course, January 20-23, 2016, Atlanta, GA Surgical Treatment Options
26. Transgender Health: Best Practices in Medical and Mental Health Care. A WPATH Certified Training Course, March 30-April 1, 2016, Springfield, MO, Surgical Treatment Options.
27. Transgender Health: Best Practices in Medical and Mental Health Care. A WPATH Certified Training Course, March 30-April 1, 2016, Springfield, MO, Multi-disciplinary Case Discussion.
28. Introduction to Transgender Surgery, ASPS Breast Surgery and Body Contouring Symposium, Santa Fe, NM, August 25-27, 2016
29. Transgender Health: Best Practices in Medical and Mental Health Care. A WPATH Global Education Initiative Advanced Training Course, September 28, 2016, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
30. Cirugias de Confirmacion de Sexo Paso a Paso, XXXV Congreso Confederacion Americana de Urologia (CAU), Panama City, Panama, October 4-8, 2016.
31. Transgender Health: Best Practices in Medical and Mental Health Care. A WPATH Global Education Initiative Advanced Training Course, December 3, 2016, Arlington, VA.
32. PSEN (sponsored by ASPS and endorsed by WPATH), Transgender 101 for Surgeons, January 2017-March 2017
33. Surgical Anatomy and Surgical Approaches to M-to-F Genital Gender Affirming Surgery and the Management of the Patient Before, During and After Surgery: A Human Cadaver Based Course, Orange County, CA, Feb. 1, 2017
34. Gender Confirmation Surgery, ALAPP, 2 Congreso Internacional de la Asociacion Latinoamericana de Piso Pelvico, Sao Paulo, Brasil, 9-11 de marzo de 2017
35. Transgender Health: Best Practices in Medical and Mental Health Care. A WPATH Global Education Initiative Foundations Training Course, Overview of Surgical Treatment, March 31-April 2, 2017, Minneapolis Minnesota.
36. Transgender Health: Best Practices in Medical and Mental Health Care. A WPATH Global Education Initiative Foundations Training Course, The Multi-

Disciplinary Team Case Discussions, March 31-April 2, 2017, Minneapolis Minnesota.

37. Transfeminine Cadaver Course, WPATH, May 19-20, 2017, Chicago, IL
38. Transgender/Penile Reconstruction-Penile Reconstruction: Radial Forearm Flap Vs. Anterolateral Thigh Flap, Moderator and Presenter, The World Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery, June 14-17, 2017, Seoul, Korea
39. Primer of Transgender Breast Surgery, ASPS Breast Surgery and Body Contouring Symposium, San Diego, CA, August 10-12, 2017
40. Confirmation Surgery in Gender Dysphoria: current state and future developments, International Continence Society, Florence, Italy, September 12-15, 2017
41. The American Society of Plastic Surgeons Annual meeting, October 6-10, 2017, Orlando, FL, ASPS/WPATH Joint Session, Session Planner and Moderator
42. Transgender Health: Best Practices in Medical and Mental Health Care. A WPATH Global Education Initiative Foundations Training Course: Overview of Surgical Treatment, Columbus, OH, October 20-21, 2017
43. Transgender Health: Best Practices in Medical and Mental Health Care. A WPATH Global Education Initiative Advanced Training Course: Medical Care in the Perioperative Period, Aftercare: Identifying Potential Complications, Columbus, OH, October 20-21, 2017
44. Webinar: Gender Affirming Surgeries 101: Explore The Latest Topics in Gender Affirmation Surgery, PSEN, April 18, 2018
45. Course Director: MT. Sinai/WPATH Live Surgery Training Course for Gender Affirmation Procedures, April 26-28, 2018, New York, NY

SYMPOSIA:

1. Program Director, 2011 Chicago Breast Symposium, October 15, 2011, The Chicago Plastic Surgery Research Foundation and The Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University, North Chicago, IL,
2. Fundamentals of Evidence-Based Medicine & How to Incorporate it Into Your Practice, Challenging Complications in Plastic Surgery: Successful Management Strategies, The American Society of Plastic Surgeons, July 13-14, 2012 Washington, DC
3. Understanding Outcome Measures in Breast & Body Contouring Surgery, Challenging Complications in Plastic Surgery: Successful Management Strategies, The American Society of Plastic Surgeons, July 13-14, 2012 Washington, DC
4. Benchmarking Complications: What We Know About Body Contouring Complication Rates from Established Databases, Challenging Complications in Plastic Surgery: Successful Management Strategies, The American Society of Plastic Surgeons, July 13-14, 2012 Washington, DC
5. Special Lecture: VTE Prophylaxis for Plastic Surgery in 2011, Challenging Complications in Plastic Surgery: Successful Management

Strategies, The American Society of Plastic Surgeons, July 13-14, 2012
Washington, DC

6. Nipple Sparing Mastectomy: Unexpected Outcomes, Challenging
Complications in Plastic Surgery: Successful Management Strategies, The
American Society of Plastic Surgeons, July 13-14, 2012 Washington, DC

7. Program Director, 2011 Chicago Breast Symposium, October 13-14, 2012, The
Chicago Plastic Surgery Research Foundation and The Chicago Medical School at
Rosalind Franklin University, North Chicago, IL

8. Practice Strategies in a Changing Healthcare Environment, Moderator,
Midwestern Association of Plastic Surgeons, April 27-28, 2013, Chicago, IL

9. Moderator: Breast Scientific Paper Session, The Annual Meeting of The
American Society of Plastic Surgery, October 12, 2014, Chicago, IL.

10. Moderator: The World Professional Association for Transgender Health,
Tuesday, June 21, Surgical Session (0945-1045), June 18-22, 2016, Amsterdam,
Netherlands

11. Course Director: Transmale Genital Surgery: WPATH Gender Education
Initiative, October 21-22 Chicago, IL

12. Co-Chair and Moderator: Surgeon's Only Session, USPATH, Los Angeles, CA,
Feb. 2, 2017

13. Vascular Anastomosis: Options for Lengthening Vascular Pedicle,
Surgeon's Only Session, USPATH, Los Angeles, CA, Feb. 2, 2017

14. Transgender Healthcare Mini-Symposium, Chicago Medical School of Rosalind
Franklin University, North Chicago, IL March 10, 2017.

15. Moderator: Penile Transplant: Genito-urinary trauma/penile cancer, The
European Association of Urologists, Meeting of the EAU Section of Genito-
Urinary Reconstructive Surgeons (ESGURS), London, United Kingdom, March 23-
26, 2017

FACULTY SPONSORED RESEARCH:

1. Societa Italiana Di Microchirurgia, XXIII Congresso Nazionale della
Societa Italiana di Microchirurgia, First Atlanto-Pacific Microsurgery
Conference, Modena, Italy, October 1-3, 2009, "Free Tissue Transfer in the
Treatment of Zygomycosis." Presented by Michelle Roughton, MD

2. Hines/North Chicago VA Research Day, Edward Hines, Jr., VA Hospital,
Maywood, IL, April 29, 2010, "Breast MRI Helps to Define the Blood Supply to
the Nipple-Areolar Complex." Presented by Iris A. Seitz, MD, PhD.

3. Advocate Research Forum, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, May 5, 2010,
"Breast MRI Helps to Define the Blood Supply to the Nipple-Areolar Complex."
Presented by Iris A. Seitz, MD, PhD.

4. Advocate Research Forum, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, May 5, 2010,
"Achieving Soft Tissue Coverage of Complex Upper and Lower Extremity Defects
with Omental Free Tissue Transfer." Presented by Iris A. Seitz, MD, PhD.

5. Advocate Research Forum, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, May 5, 2010, "Facilitating Harvest of the Serratus Fascial Flap with Ultrasonic Dissection." Presented by Iris A. Seitz, MD, PhD.
6. Advocate Research Forum, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, May 5, 2010, "Patient Safety: Abdominoplasty and Intra-Abdominal Procedures." Presented by Michelle Roughton, MD
7. The Midwestern Association of Plastic Surgeons, 49th Annual Scientific Meeting, May 15th, 2010, "Breast MRI Helps Define The Blood Supply to the Nipple-Areolar Complex." Presented by Iris A. Seitz, MD, PhD.
8. Jonathan M. Hagedorn, BA, **Loren S. Schechter**, MD, FACS, Dr. Manoj R. Shah, MD, FACS, Matthew L. Jimenez, MD, Justine Lee, MD, PhD, Varun Shah. Re-examining the Indications for Limb Salvage, 2011 All School Research Consortium at Rosalind Franklin University. Chicago Medical School of Rosalind Franklin University, 3/16/11.
9. Jonathan Bank, MD, Lucio A. Pavone, MD, Iris A. Seitz, Michelle C. Roughton, MD, Loren S. Schechter, MD Deep Inferior Epigastric Perforator Flap for Breast Reconstruction after Abdominoplasty The Midwestern Association of Plastic Surgeons, 51st Annual Educational Meeting, April 21-22, 2012, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Illinois
10. Samuel Lake, Iris A. Seitz, MD, PhD, Loren S. Schechter, MD, Daniel Peterson, PhD Omentum and Subcutaneous Fat Derived Cell Populations Contain hMSCs Comparable to Bone Marrow-Derived hMSCs First Place, Rosalind Franklin University Summer Research Poster Session
11. J. Siwinski, MS II, Iris A. Seitz, MD PhD, Dana Rioux Forker, MD, Lucio A. Pavone, MD, Loren S Schechter, MD FACS. Upper and Lower Limb Salvage With Omental Free Flaps: A Long-Term Functional Outcome Analysis. Annual Dr. Kenneth A. Suarez Research Day, Midwestern University, Downers Grove, IL, May 2014
12. Whitehead DM, Kocjancic E, Iacovelli V, Morgantini LA, **Schechter LS**. A Case Report: Penile Prosthesis With an Alloderm Wrap Positioned After Radial Forearm Phalloplasty. Poster session presented at: American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery Annual Meeting, 2018 Jan 13-16; Phoenix, AZ.
13. Whitehead DM, Kocjancic E, Iacovelli V, Morgantini LA, **Schechter LS**. An Innovative Technique: Single Stage Urethral Reconstruction in Female-to-Male Patients. Poster session presented at: American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery Annual Meeting, 2018 Jan 13-16; Phoenix, AZ.
14. Whitehead, DM Inflatable Penile Prosthesis Implantation Post Phalloplasty: Surgical Technique, Challenges, and Outcomes, MAPS 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting, April 14, 2018, Chicago, IL
15. Whitehead, DM, Inverted Penile Skin With Scrotal Graft And Omission of Sacrospinal Fixation: Our Novel Vaginoplasty Technique MAPS 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting, April 14, 2018, Chicago, IL

Keynote Address:

1. University of Utah, Gender Confirmation Surgery, Transgender Provider Summit, November 8, 2014

INVITED LECTURES:

1. Management of Soft Tissue Injuries of the Face, Grand Rounds, Emergency Medicine, The University of Chicago, August, 1999
2. Case Report: Excision of a Giant Neurofibroma, Operating Room Staff Lecture Series, Continuing Education Series, St. Francis Hospital, Evanston, Il March 2000
3. Wounds, Lincolnwood Family Practice, Lincolnwood, Il April 2000
4. The Junior Attending, Grand Rounds, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, The University of Chicago, June 2000
5. Case Report: Excision of a Giant Neurofibroma, Department of Medicine Grand Rounds, St. Francis Hospital, Evanston, Il June 2000
6. Facial Trauma, Resurrection Medical Center Emergency Medicine Residency, September 2000
7. Plastic Surgery of the Breast and Abdomen, Grand Rounds, Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Evanston Hospital, September, 2000
8. Change of Face; Is Cosmetic Surgery for You?, Adult Education Series, Rush North Shore Medical Center, October, 2000
9. Reconstructive Surgery of the Breast, Professional Lecture Series on Breast Cancer, St. Francis Hospital, October, 2000
10. Plastic Surgery of the Breast and Abdomen, Grand Rounds, Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Lutheran General Hospital, December, 2000
11. Change of Face; Is Cosmetic Surgery for You?, Adult Education Series, Lutheran General Hospital and The Arlington Heights Public Library, December, 2000
12. Updates in Breast Reconstruction, The Breast Center, Lutheran General Hospital, January 2001
13. Abdominal Wall Reconstruction, Trauma Conference, Lutheran General Hospital, February 2001
14. Wound Care, Rush North Shore Medical Center, March 2001
15. Breast Reconstruction, Diagnosis and Treatment Updates on Breast Cancer, Lutheran General Hospital, April 2001
16. Wound Care and V.A.C. Therapy, Double Tree Hotel, Skokie, Il October 2001
17. The Role of the V.A.C. in Reconstructive Surgery, LaCrosse, WI November 2001

18. Dressing for Success: The Role of the V.A.C. in Reconstructive Surgery, Grand Rounds, The University of Minnesota Section of Plastic and Reconstructive, Minneapolis, MN January, 2002
19. The Vacuum Assisted Closure Device in the Management of Complex Soft Tissue Defects, Eau Claire, WI February, 2002
20. The Vacuum Assisted Closure Device in Acute & Traumatic Soft Tissue Injuries, Orland Park, Il March, 2002
21. Body Contouring After Weight Loss, The Gurnee Weight Loss Support Group, Gurnee, Il April, 2002
22. An Algorithm to Complex Soft Tissue Reconstruction With Negative Pressure Therapy, Owensboro Mercy Medical Center, Owensboro, Ky, April, 2002
23. Breast and Body Contouring, St. Francis Hospital Weight Loss Support Group, Evanston, Il April, 2002
24. The Wound Closure Ladder vs. The Reconstructive Elevator, Surgical Grand Rounds, Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Il, May, 2002.
25. An Algorithm for Complex Soft Tissue Reconstruction with the Vacuum Assisted Closure Device, The Field Museum, Chicago, Il, May, 2002
26. The Role of Negative Pressure Wound Therapy in Reconstructive Surgery, Kinetic Concepts, Inc. San Antonio, Texas, July 31, 2002
27. Management of Complex Soft Tissue Injuries of the Lower Extremity, Chicago Trauma Symposium, August 2-5, 2002, Chicago, Illinois:
28. Wound Bed Preparation, Smith Nephew, Oak Brook, Il, August 6, 2002
29. Getting Under Your Skin...Is Cosmetic Surgery for You?, Rush North Shore Adult Continuing Education Series, Skokie, Il August 28, 2002.
30. The Role of Negative Pressure Therapy in Complex Soft Tissue Wounds, Columbia/St. Mary's Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurse Program, Milwaukee, Wi, September 17, 2002
31. A Systematic Approach to Functional Restoration, Grand Rounds, Dept. of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Medicine, Lutheran General Hospital, September 19, 2002
32. The Role of Negative Pressure Wound Therapy in Reconstructive Surgery, Ann Arbor, Mi September 26, 2002
33. Dressing for Success: The Role of the Vacuum Assisted Closure Device in Plastic Surgery, Indianapolis, In November 11, 2002
34. The Wound Closure Ladder Versus the Reconstructive Elevator, Crystal Lake, Il November 21, 2002
35. A Systematic Approach to Functional Restoration, Grand Rounds, Dept. of Physical Therapy, Evanston Northwestern Healthcare, Evanston, Il February 13, 2003

36. Case Studies in Traumatic Wound Reconstruction, American Association of Critical Care Nurses, Northwest Chicago Area Chapter, Park Ridge, Il February 19, 2003
37. Reconstruction of Complex Soft Tissue Injuries of the Lower Extremity, Podiatry Lecture Series, Rush North Shore Medical Center, Skokie, Il March 5, 2003
38. The Use of Negative Pressure Wound Therapy in Reconstructive Surgery, Kalamazoo, Mi March 19, 2003
39. Updates in Breast Reconstruction, The Midwest Clinical Conference, The Chicago Medical Society, Chicago, Il March 21, 2003
40. Updates of Vacuum Assisted Closure, Grand Rounds, The Medical College of Wisconsin, Department of Plastic Surgery, Milwaukee, Wi March 26, 2003
41. Breast Reconstruction, Surgical Grand Rounds, Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Il March 27, 2003
42. Decision-Making in Breast Reconstruction: Plastic Surgeons as Members of a Multi-Disciplinary Team, 1st Annual Advocate Lutheran General Hospital Breast Cancer Symposium, Rosemont, Il, April 11, 2003
43. The Wound Closure Ladder Versus The Reconstructive Elevator, Duluth, Mn, April 24, 2003
44. Dressing For Success: The Role of The Wound VAC in Reconstructive Surgery, Detroit, Mi, May 9, 2003
45. Plastic Surgery Pearls, Grand Rounds Orthopedic Surgery Physician Assistants Lutheran General Hospital and Finch University of Health Sciences, Park Ridge, Il, June 5, 2003
46. A Systematic Approach to Complex Reconstruction, 12th Annual Vendor Fair "Surgical Innovations," October 18, 2003, Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Il 2003
47. Dressing For Success: The Role of the Wound VAC in Reconstructive Surgery, American Society of Plastic Surgery, October 26, 2003, San Diego, CA
48. Beautiful You: From Botox to Weekend Surgeries, 21st Century Cosmetic Considerations, March 21, 2004 Hadassah Women's Health Symposium, Skokie, Il
49. Updates in Breast Reconstruction, The 2nd Annual Breast Cancer Symposium, Advocate Lutheran General, Hyatt Rosemont, April 2, 2004
50. Head and Neck Reconstruction, Grand Rounds, The University of Illinois Metropolitan Group Hospitals Residency in General Surgery, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, May 6, 2004
51. Abdominal Wall Reconstruction, Surgeons Forum, LifeCell Corporation, May 15, 2004, Chicago, Il
52. 4th Annual Chicagoland Day of Sharing for Breast Cancer Awareness, Saturday, October 2, 2004, Hoffman Estates, Il

53. Abdominal Wall Reconstruction, University of Illinois Metropolitan Group Hospitals Residency in General Surgery, November 19, 2004, Skokie, IL
54. Advances in Wound Care, Wound and Skin Care Survival Skills, Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital, Tuesday, February 8, 2005, Downer's Grove, IL
55. Plastic Surgery: A Five Year Perspective in Practice, Grand Rounds, The University of Chicago, May 18, 2005, Chicago, IL
56. New Techniques in Breast Reconstruction, The Cancer Wellness Center, October 11, 2005 Northbrook, IL
57. Principles of Plastic Surgery; Soft Tissue Reconstruction of the Hand, Rehab Connections, Inc., Hand, Wrist, and Elbow Forum, October 28, 2005, Homer Glen, IL
58. Principles of Plastic Surgery, Lutheran General Hospital Quarterly Trauma Conference, November 9, 2005, Park Ridge, IL
59. Principles of Plastic Surgery, Continuing Medical Education, St. Francis Hospital, November 15, 2005, Evanston, IL
60. Dressing for Success: A Seven Year Experience with Negative Pressure Wound Therapy, Kinetic Concepts Inc, November 30, 2005, Glenview, IL.
61. Breast Reconstruction: The Next Generation, Breast Tumor Conference, Lutheran General Hospital, May 9, 2006.
62. Complex Wound Care: Skin Grafts, Flaps, and Reconstruction, The Elizabeth D. Wick Symposium on Wound Care, *Current Concepts in Advanced Healing: An Update*, Rush North Shore Medical Center, November 4, 2006.
63. An Approach to Maxillofacial Trauma: Grand Rounds, Lutheran General Hospital/Univ. of Illinois Metropolitan Group Hospital Residency in General Surgery, November 9, 2006.
64. "From Paris to Park Ridge", Northern Trust and Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Northern Trust Bank, June 7, 2007.
65. "Private Practice Plastic Surgery: A Seven Year Perspective," Grand Rounds, The University of Chicago, Section of Plastic Surgery.
66. "Meet the Experts on Breast Cancer," 7th Annual Chicagoland Day of Sharing, Sunday, April 13th, 2008
67. Gender Confirmation Surgery: Surgical Options and Decision-Making, The University of Minnesota, Division of Human Sexuality, May 10, 2008, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
68. "Private Practice Plastic Surgery: A Seven Year Perspective," Grand Rounds, Loyola University, 2008 Section of Plastic Surgery.
69. "Management of Lower Extremity Trauma," Grand Rounds, The University of Chicago, Section of Plastic Surgery, October, 8, 2008.

70. "Concepts in Plastic Surgery: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach," Frontline Surgical Advancements, Lutheran General Hospital, November 1, 2008
71. "Surgical Techniques-New Surgical Techniques/Plastic Surgery/Prosthetics," Caldwell Breast Center CME Series, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, November 12, 2008
72. "Genetics: A Family Affair" Panel Discussion: Predictive Genetic Testing, 23rd Annual Illinois Department of Public Health Conference, Oak Brook Hills Marriott Resort, Oak Brook, Il, March 18, 2009
73. "Gender Confirmation Surgery" Minnesota TransHealth and Wellness Conference, May 15, 2009, Metropolitan State University, Saint Paul, MN.
74. "The Role of Plastic Surgery in Wound Care, " Practical Wound Care A Multidisciplinary Approach, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, October 9-10, 2009, Park Ridge, Il.
75. "In The Family," Panel, General Session III, 2009 Illinois Women's Health Conference, Illinois Dept. of Health, Office of Women's Health October 28-29, 2009, Oak Brook, Il.
76. "Patient Safety in Plastic Surgery," The University of Chicago, Section of Plastic Surgery, Grand Rounds, November 18, 2009.
77. "Compartment Syndrome," 6th Annual Advocate Injury Institute Symposium, Trauma 2009: Yes We Can!, November 19-20, 2009.
78. "Maxillofacial Trauma," 6th Annual Advocate Injury Institute Symposium, Trauma 2009: Yes We Can!, November 19-20, 2009.
79. "Management of Complex Lower Extremity Injuries," Grand Rounds, The Section of Plastic Surgery, The University of Chicago, December 16, 2009, Chicago, Il.
80. "Gender-Confirming MTF Surgery: Indications and Techniques," Working Group on Gender, New York State Psychiatric Institute, March 12, 2010
81. "Gender-Confirmation Surgery," Minnesota Trans Health and Wellness Conference, Metropolitan State University, St. Paul Campus, May 14th, 2010
82. "Physical Injuries and Impairments," Heroes Welcome Home The Chicago Association of Realtors, Rosemont, Illinois, May 25th, 2010.
83. "Genetics and Your Health," Hadassah Heals: Healing Mind, Body, & Soul, Wellness Fair, 2010, August 29, 2010, Wilmette, Illinois.
84. "GCS," Southern Comfort Conference 2010, September 6-11, 2010, Atlanta, GA.
85. "Gender Confirming Surgery," The Center, The LGBT Community Center, October 22, 2010 New York, NY.
86. "Gender Confirming Surgery," the Center, The LGBT Community Center, May 20, 2011, New York, NY.

87. "Gender Confirming Surgery," Roosevelt-St. Lukes Hospital, May 20, 2011, New York, NY
88. "Principles of Plastic Surgery," Learn about Ortho, Lutheran General Hospital, May 25, 2011, Park Ridge, Il.
89. "Forging Multidisciplinary Relationships in Private Practice," Chicago Breast Reconstruction Symposium 2011, September 9, 2011, Chicago, Il
90. "Gender Confirming Surgery," Minnesota TransHealth and Wellness Conference, Diverse Families: Health Through Community, September 10, 2011, Minneapolis, Minnesota
91. "Gender Confirming Surgery," University of Chicago, Pritzker School of Medicine, Anatomy Class, September 16, 2011, Chicago, Il
92. "Facial Trauma," 8th Annual Advocate Injury Institute Symposium, Trauma 2011: 40 years in the Making, Wyndham Lisle-Chicago, November 9-10, 2011
93. "Establishing a Community-Based Microsurgical Practice," QMP Reconstructive Symposium, November 18-20, 2011, Chicago, Il
94. "Surgery for Gender Identity Disorder," Grand Rounds, Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Northshore University Health System, December 7, 2011
95. "Managing Facial Fractures," Trauma Grand Rounds, Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Il July 17, 2012
96. "Principles of Transgender Medicine," The University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, Chicago, Il, September 7, 2012
97. "State of the art breast reconstruction," Advocate Health Care, 11th Breast Imaging Symposium, January 26, 2013, Park Ridge, Il.
98. "State of the art breast reconstruction," Grand Rounds, Dept. of Surgery, Mount Sinai Hospital, April 25, 2013, Chicago, Il.
99. "Getting under your skin: is cosmetic surgery right for you?" Lutheran General Hospital community lecture series, May 7, 2013, Park Ridge, Il.
100. "Gender Confirming Surgery," University of Chicago, Pritzker School of Medicine, Anatomy Class, September 27, 2013, Chicago, Il
101. "State of the Art Breast Reconstruction," Edward Cancer Center, Edward Hospital, October 22, 2013, Naperville, Il
102. "Transgender Medicine and Ministry," Pastoral Voice, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, October 23, 2013, Park Ridge, Il
103. "Principles of Transgender Medicine and Surgery," The University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine, January 28, 2014, Chicago, Il
104. "Principles of Transgender Medicine and Surgery," Latest Surgical Innovations and Considerations, 22nd Annual Educational Workshop, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, March 1, 2014, Park Ridge, Il.

105. "Principles of Transgender Medicine: Gender Confirming Surgery," Loyola University Medical Center, March 12, 2014.
106. "Principles of Plastic Surgery," Grand Rounds, Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Lutheran General Hospital, September 12, 2014.
107. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," The University of Chicago, Pritzker School of Medicine, October 3, 2014
108. "Private Practice: Is There a Future?" The Annual Meeting of The American Society of Plastic Surgical Administrators/The American Society of Plastic Surgery Assistants, Chicago, Il, October 11, 2014.
109. "Private Practice: Is There a Future?" The Annual Meeting of The American Society of Plastic Surgery Nurses, Chicago, Il, October 12, 2014.
110. "Gender Confirmation Surgery" Grand Rounds, The University of Minnesota, Dept. of Plastic Surgery, Minneapolis, MN, October 29, 2014.
111. "Body Contour After Massive Weight Loss," The Bariatric Support Group, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, February 5, 2015, Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Il.
112. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, February 1, 2015, Chicago, Il.
113. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," The Community Kinship Life/Bronx Lebanon Department of Family Medicine, Bronx, NY, March 6, 2015
114. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," Educational Inservice, Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Il, April 20, 2015
115. "Principles of Plastic Surgery, " Surgical Trends, Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Il, May 16, 2015
116. "Updates on Gender Confirmation Surgery, " Surgical Trends, Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Il, May 16, 2015
117. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," Lurie Childrens' Hospital, Chicago, Il, May 18, 2015, Chicago, Il 2015.
118. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," TransClinical Care and Management Track Philadelphia Trans-Health Conference, June 5, 2015, Philadelphia, Pa.
119. "Gender Confirmation Surgery: A Fifteen Year Experience," Grand Rounds, The University of Minnesota, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and the Program in Human Sexuality, July 30, 2015, Minneapolis, Mn
120. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," Grand Rounds, Tel Aviv Medical Center, Tel Aviv, Israel, August 13, 2015
121. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," Grand Rounds, University of Illinois, Dept of Family Medicine, September 2, 2015
122. "Principles of Plastic Surgery," Grand Rounds, St. Francis Hospital, Evanston, Il September 18, 2015

123. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," Midwest LGBTQ Health Symposium, Chicago, IL, October 2, 2015
124. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," Southern Comfort Conference, Weston, FL, October 3, 2015
125. "Surgical Transitions for Transgender Patients," Transgender Health Training Institute, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL, October 8, 2015
126. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," The Transgender Health Education Peach State Conference, Atlanta, GA, October 30, 2015
127. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," Weiss Memorial Medical Center, November 4, 2015, Chicago, IL
128. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," University of Illinois at Chicago, Operating Room Staff Inservice, November 18, 2015, Chicago, IL
129. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," University of Illinois at Chicago, Plastic Surgery and Urology Inservice, November 18, 2015, Chicago, IL
130. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," Weiss Memorial Medical Center, November 19, 2015, Chicago, IL
131. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," Section of Plastic Surgery, The University of Illinois at Chicago, January 13, 2016, Chicago, IL
132. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," Dept. of Medicine, Louis A. Weiss Memorial Hospital, February 18, 2016, Chicago, IL
133. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," BCBSIL Managed Care Roundtable March 2, 2016 Chicago, IL
134. "Gender Confirmation Surgery-MtF," Keystone Conference, March 10, 2016, Harrisburg, PA
135. "Gender Confirmation Surgery-FtM," Keystone Conference, March 10, 2016, Harrisburg, PA
136. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," Grand Rounds, Dept. of Ob-Gyn, March 25, 2016, Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, IL 60068
137. "Surgical Management of the Transgender Patient," Spring Meeting, The New York Regional Society of Plastic Surgeons, April 16, 2016, New York, NY
138. "A Three Step Approach to Complex Lower Extremity Trauma," University of Illinois at Chicago, April 27, 2016, Chicago, IL.
139. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," Howard Brown Health Center, July 12, 2016, Chicago, IL
140. "Creating the Transgender Breast M-F; F-M", ASPS Breast surgery and Body Contouring Symposium, Santa Fe, NM, August 25-27, 2016
141. "Overview of Transgender Breast Surgery," ASPS Breast surgery and Body Contouring Symposium, Santa Fe, NM, August 25-27, 2016

142. "VTE Chemoprophylaxis in Cosmetic Breast and Body Surgery: Science or Myth", ASPS Breast surgery and Body Contouring Symposium, Santa Fe, NM, August 25-27, 2016
143. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," Gender Program, Lurie Childrens', Parent Group, September 20, 201, 467 W. Deming, Chicago, IL
144. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," The American Society of Plastic Surgeons Expo, September 24, 2016, Los Angeles, CA
145. Transgender Surgery, Management of the Transgender Patient, Female to Male Surgery, Overview and Phalloplasty, The American College of Surgeons, Clinical Congress 2016 October 16-20, 2016 Washington, DC
146. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," The Department of Anesthesia, The University of Illinois at Chicago, November 9, 2016
147. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," The Division of Plastic Surgery, The University of Illinois at Chicago, December 14, 2016
148. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," Nursing Education, The University of Illinois at Chicago, January 10, 2017
149. "F2M-Radial Forearm Total Phalloplasty: Plastic Surgeon's Point of View," The European Association of Urologists, Meeting of the EAU Section of Genito-Urinary Reconstructive Surgeons (ESGURS), London, United Kingdom, March 23-26, 2017
150. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," Grand Rounds, The Department of Surgery, The University of North Carolina, March 29, 2017.
151. "Transgender Facial Surgery," *The Aesthetic Meeting 2017 - 50 Years of Aesthetics* - in San Diego, California April 27- May 2, 2017.
152. "Gender Confirmation Surgery: A New Surgical Frontier," 15th Annual Morristown Surgical Symposium Gender and Surgery, Morristown, NJ, May 5, 2017.
153. "Gender Confirmation Surgery: A New Surgical Frontier," Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology, The Medical College of Wisconsin, May 24, 2017
154. "Gender Confirmation Surgery: A New Surgical Frontier," Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Howard Brown Health Center, August 8, 2017
155. "Current State of the Art: Gynecomastia," ASPS Breast Surgery and Body Contouring Symposium, San Diego, CA, August 10-12, 2017
156. "Gender Confirmation Surgery-An Overview," ASPS Breast Surgery and Body Contouring Symposium, San Diego, CA, August 10-12, 2017
157. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," Grand Rounds, Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology, The University of Chicago, August 25, 2017
158. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," Wake Forest School of Medicine, Transgender Health Conference, Winston-Salem, NC, September 28-29, 2017

159. "Phalloplasty," Brazilian Professional Association for Transgender Health, Teatro Marcos Lindenberg, Universidade Federal de São Paulo (Unifesp), November 1-4, 2017
160. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," Brazilian Professional Association for Transgender Health/WPATH Session, Teatro Marcos Lindenberg, Universidade Federal de São Paulo (Unifesp), November 1-4, 2017
161. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," The Division of Plastic Surgery, The University of Illinois at Chicago, December 13, 2017, Chicago, IL
162. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," Gender and Sex Development Program, Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, December 18, 2017, Chicago, IL
163. "Transgender Breast Augmentation," 34th Annual Atlanta Breast Surgery Symposium, January 19-21, 2018, Atlanta, GA
164. "Top Surgery: Transmasculine Chest Contouring," 34th Annual Atlanta Breast Surgery Symposium, January 19-21, 2018, Atlanta, GA
165. "Gender Confirmation Surgery," The 17th International Congress of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery in Shanghai, March 18-25, 2018, Shanghai, China
166. "Gender Confirmation Surgery: Facial Feminization and Metoidioplasty," 97th Meeting of the American Association of Plastic Surgeons, Reconstructive Symposium, April 7-10, 2018, Seattle, WA
167. Moderator: "Gender Confirmation Surgery: Top Surgery", The Annual Meeting of The American Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, April 26-May 1, 2018, New York, NY