

**MetroHealth’s Center for Biomedical Ethics: Virtual Bioethics@Noon Grand Rounds**

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***“Demystifying Gender Affirming Care”***

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Gender-affirming care (GAC) is a highly debated and often misunderstood aspect of healthcare. As defined by the World Health Organization (WHO), GAC includes social, psychological, behavioral, and medical interventions “designed to support and affirm an individual's gender identity” when it conflicts with sex assigned at birth” (Gzesh, 2024). Despite this purposefully broad definition, all too often when GAC is discussed in the current political-legal landscape, there is an exaggerated focus on medical interventions which diverts attention to the range of interventions that treat those struggling with Gender Incongruence/Dysphoria or related problems. To help combat this misinformation our talk will highlight the wide variety of GAC services our MetroHealth Pride Clinic offers adult transgender & gender diverse individuals, including behavioral health counseling, speech and voice therapy and social support services to name a few.  Additionally, we discuss the four bioethical principles in relation to GAC and describe the multidisciplinary approach MetroHealth Pride providers take to ensure ethical issues, particularly as they relate to patient autonomy, capacity, beneficence and informed consent are paramount in the care of our patients.

Learning Objectives:

* Define gender affirming care (GAC)
* Describe the MetroHealth Pride Clinic history, services provided and our multi-disciplinary team approach to working with transgender &gender diverse people
* Review the four principles of bioethics in relation to GAC treatments, highlighting respect for patient autonomy in decision-making, the role of beneficence and nonmaleficence in clinical interventions, and the importance of justice in equitable treatment and access to care
* Illustrate our collaborative team-based, ethics-oriented approach to GAC by reviewing a case study demonstrating how ethically principled informed consent is paramount in the care of all transgender & gender diverse patients

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