

Physicians rebuke threats against hospitals that offer resources for gender-affirming care

In what has become an increasingly frequent occurrence, the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) has had to issue yet [another statement](#) denouncing dangerous new state legislation restricting access to care — this time in response to Florida's [new draft rule](#) to ban gender-affirming care for adolescents. This ruling will adopt a new standard of care that will prohibit physicians from prescribing medicine for gender-affirming care, such as hormones and puberty blockers, and from performing surgery for those under the age of 18.

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Following violent threats, including a bomb threat, to notable healthcare systems such as Boston Children's Hospital and Akron's Children's Hospital, some hospital systems and private practices that provide gender-affirming care have modified the information available on their websites and social media platforms. Many medical practices continue to be targeted aggressively by groups on social media, name-calling care providers "pedophiles," "groomers," and "mutilators of children." These misinformed threats often call on others to "stop them" or make blatant death threats. While [some practices](#) have altered specific information about their providers, others have completely removed pages about the gender-affirming services they provide. The intention is to protect staff and put a stop to these threats, but the removal of this online information comes with consequences for patients and the general public.

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