Achieving Accountability from Medical Professionals

What's Happening Right Now?

This past year the Board of Trustees of the American Medical Association authored a report recommending that the AMA adopt a policy recommending delay of all medically unnecessary procedures on intersex children. This follows a similar policy put in place by the GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBT Equality.

Why Does Medical Association Policy Matter?

Physicians take notice of the guidance of their professional associations. The silence from the larger associations is part of why the small community of physicians who continue these surgeries are able to do so without attracting attention from their peers. By achieving ethical, thoughtful policy in line with modern human rights standards, the medical associations will commit to improving the lives of intersex children and their oath to do no harm.

What Can You Do?

- **Contact the medical associations and let them know that you support a moratorium on surgeries performed on intersex children without their consent:**
  a. **American Medical Association**
  b. **American Academy of Pediatrics**
  c. **Society of Pediatric Urology**
  d. **Society of Pediatric Endocrinology**
  e. **American Psychological Association**
  f. **National Association of Social Workers**
  g. **And others you may be familiar with!**

- **Contact the administrators and physicians in your local hospitals and ask them why they're still performing these surgeries. If they are open to collaboration to improve their care, contact us! If they are not, take note and circle back with interACT and/or your local groups.**

- **Talk to your friends/doctors/colleagues! This practice continues in part because of the secrecy and shame around intersex bodies. That is changing rapidly, but with your help even more people can learn that intersex bodies aren't shameful--they're perfect just as they are!**

- **Donate to interACT or other groups advocating for intersex people.**