

At last a mainstream medical association -- far too late, and far too timidly -- repudiates "gender transition" surgeries for minors.

The American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS) just declared:

**When evidence regarding benefit is limited, natural history is uncertain, and fully informed consent a challenge, ASPS believes that plastic surgeons should adopt a posture of heightened caution, enhanced documentation, and explicit uncertainty disclosure, recognizing that their role is not simply technical but ethical.**

**Shared decision-making in this setting not only requires multidisciplinary input, but clear surgeon judgment regarding whether proceeding with irreversible surgery is consistent with the patient's long-term welfare.**

Much too late and too timid, as I say, and heads should roll; as Dr. Mary Talley Bowden says, "My profession is filled with weak cowards. This never should have happened.... We shouldn't need a statement from a medical society to tell us mutilating children is wrong."

But perhaps, at least, the tide is turning. The American Medical Association just joined the ASPS in this.

The AMA said in a statement to *National Review* that because "the evidence for gender-affirming surgical intervention in minors is insufficient for us to make a definitive statement...the AMA agrees with ASPS that surgical interventions in minors should be generally deferred to adulthood."

Right around this time, the first malpractice suit from a "detransitioner" -- in case you don't know, someone who went through the medical "transition" and then transitioned back --- to go before a jury took place in White Plains, New York.

As a child, Isabella Varian endured a three-year custody battle and estrangement from a parent, and subsequent to that developed depression, anxiety, social phobia, and eventually an eating disorder and "body-image" issues.

By age 15, after discussing her gender confusion with a psychologist, she had begun socially "transitioning": changing her name and appearance, and telling people she was transgender.

The following year she had the double mastectomy.

Three years later, she started the process of undoing what she regretted having started, and went on to sue the psychologist and the surgeon who gave the thumbs-up for her double mastectomy at age 16.

Her mother says she was against the surgery, but was bullied into it because of the fear-mongering: your child will commit suicide if you don't agree to the surgery,

She was awarded \$2 million in damages.

Does this mean we're in for a great many copycat cases that could severely damage the whole "gender medicine" apparatus for minors?

We can hope.

As J.K. Rowling put it,

**This will go down in history as one of the worst medical scandals of all time. Adults inside and outside the medical profession sold troubled young people like Varian the idea that all of their complex trauma would be resolved by removing healthy body parts.**

**As more and more detransitioners arrive in court, the public will learn the full extent of the harm done to kids in the name of an ideology. Clinicians performing these "treatments" will go down in history as barbarous activists who betrayed a sacred oath: to do no harm. But we should never forget how many people outside the medical profession urged these young people on, gleefully assuring them that anyone advising caution was an evil bigot.**

**There are people in elitist professions like publishing and academia, not to mention politicians and celebrities with young fan bases, who did all they could to champion the idea of gender identity, and kept pushing it even as the evidence of harm mounted. They're just as culpable as the clinicians.**

**Too lazy to think more deeply than the fashionable mantras that got them social media likes, too arrogant to look at evidence from anyone outside their political bubble, they've slurred whistleblowers and attacked anyone with valid questions. In doing so, they've created a cultural climate without which this appalling tragedy could not have taken place.**