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Hyatt Regency, Mexico City · November 7–12, 2026 · As of July 1, 2026 · Sessions and timing are subject to change.

Welcome to Mexico City

The WPATH 29th Scientific Symposium is the world's premier multidisciplinary gathering dedicated to advancing transgender and gender-diverse health through science, education, innovation, and global collaboration. Bringing together surgeons, physicians, mental health professionals, nurses, allied health providers, researchers, educators, policymakers, trainees, advocates, and community leaders from around the world, the Symposium offers an unparalleled opportunity to learn, collaborate, and shape the future of gender-affirming care.

The 2026 program is designed to be highly interactive, engaging, and participant-centered, featuring inspiring keynote presentations by internationally recognized leaders, eight concurrent scientific tracks, a fully integrated Surgeon Program, immersive hands-on learning labs, the new Innovation Zone with rapid-fire presentations and interactive Coffee & Conversations, expert panel discussions, case-based learning, debates, workshops, mentorship programming, and one of the largest international poster exhibitions dedicated to transgender and gender-diverse health.

Beyond the educational sessions, attendees will experience vibrant networking events, community engagement opportunities, and meaningful collaboration across disciplines, cultures, and countries. Whether you are looking to discover the latest research, exchange ideas with global experts, explore emerging technologies, build new partnerships, or showcase your organization to leaders in the field, the WPATH Scientific Symposium provides an energetic and collaborative environment where innovation thrives, and lasting professional connections are made.

 SURGEON PRECONFERENCE November 7–9, 2026 · single-track	 SYMPOSIUM EARLY REGISTRATION & BADGE PICK-UP November 9, 2026	 SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM November 10–12, 2026
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CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT				
20.00 Surgeon Preconference Nov 7–9 · max credits	+	24.00 Scientific Symposium Nov 10–12 · max credits	=	44.00 Total available AMA PRA Cat 1 · ANCC · APA · ASWB · ABIM MOC
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Session Type Key

Look for these icons throughout the program to quickly identify sessions and experiences of interest.

-  **Presidential Keynote & Plenary**
Mainstage plenaries, presidential keynote addresses and award presentations.
-  **Surgery**
Single-track Surgeon Program and integrated surgical content: techniques, outcomes, ethics and access.
-  **Innovations & Technology**
Innovation Zone, Coffee & Conversations, learning labs, devices and digital health.
-  **Lunch & Breakfast Sessions**
Breakfast and lunch sessions, including networking meals in the Exhibit Hall.
-  **Program Logistics**
Registration, badge pick-up, exhibitor move-in, refreshment breaks and poster viewing.
-  **Multidisciplinary Care Team**
Primary care, endocrinology, mental health, pediatrics and team-based, whole-person care.
-  **Community Engagement**
Policy, advocacy, equity, and community- and partner-led sessions.
-  **Students & Early Career**
Programming, mentorship and meet-ups for students, residents, fellows and emerging professionals.
-  **Social Gatherings**
Receptions, mixers, the Gala and cultural and networking celebrations.

 **Innovation Zone — Coffee & Conversations** is hosted during every refreshment break, pairing networking coffee with device, technology and digital-health partners. Additional CME is provided.

Eight concurrent scientific tracks run during the Scientific Symposium (Blocks A–K). For each concurrent block, attendees choose **one** of the eight breakout sessions. Concurrent titles shown are representative selections from accepted programming.

Saturday, November 7 · Surgeon Preconference — Day 1

Single-track, advanced curriculum for surgeons and surgical teams

12:00	 Surgeon Program Registration Open
2:00–3:30	 My “Gold Standard”: Technique and Tissue Selection in Primary Vaginoplasty <i>Five surgeons will present their approach to primary vaginoplasty, focusing on technique selection, indications, tissue choice, operative planning, and patient selection. Discussion will include primary penile inversion vaginoplasty, the use of tunica vaginalis, robotic peritoneal flap vaginoplasty, bowel-based techniques and hybrid approaches.</i>
3:30–4:30	 Phalloplasty Beyond the Radial Forearm Flap: Exploring the Role of Alternative Donor Sites <i>Although the radial forearm remains the fields gold standard, this panel will be an examination of phalloplasty donor sites beyond the radial forearm flap, highlighting contemporary alternatives, tissue characteristics, patient selection, and clinical outcomes. These will include the SCIP/groin donor site, abdominal donor site, ALT donor site, MLD donor site and gracilis options.</i>
4:30–5:00	 “How I Do It”: Clitoroplasty <i>Through operative video presentations, four surgeons will demonstrate their approach to clitoroplasty, emphasizing surgical technique, anatomy, procedural nuances and sensory and aesthetic rationale for their preferred technique.</i>
5:00–5:30	 “How I Do it”: Vaginectomy <i>Through operative video presentations, four surgeons will demonstrate their approach to vaginectomy, emphasizing surgical technique, anatomy, and procedural nuances. Techniques will include total mucosal excision, fulguration and robotic approaches.</i>
5:30–6:30	 The Revision Decision: Patient and Technique Selection in Revision or Staged Vaginoplasty <i>An examination of patient and technique selection in revision and staged vaginoplasty, with discussion of surgical indications, patient candidacy for revision vaginoplasty, operative planning, and reconstructive options. These will include revision perineal vaginoplasty, the use of tilapia skin, revision robotic peritoneal vaginoplasty, bowel techniques and vaginoplasty after vulvoplasty (staged surgery).</i>

Sunday, November 8 · Surgeon Preconference — Day 2

7:00		Surgeon Preconference Registration Open & Breakfast
7:20–8:00		“How I Do It” – Metoidioplasty <i>Through operative video presentations, four surgeons will demonstrate their approach to metoidioplasty, emphasizing surgical technique, anatomy, and procedural nuances. Techniques will include Belgrade technique, ring metoidioplasty, extended metoidioplasty and secondary options.</i>
8:00–9:00		“In a Pinch” – Management of Phalloplasty Complications <i>An examination of phalloplasty flap and urologic complications and their management, highlighting clinical assessment, treatment options, and reconstructive techniques for challenging cases. Topics will include management of stricture and fistula, partial flap loss, donor site complications and issues with erectile devices and implants.</i>
9:00–10:00		My “Go To” Vulva: Tips and Tricks to Optimize Aesthetics in Primary and Revision Vaginoplasty <i>This panel focuses on aesthetic refinements in primary and revision vaginoplasty, highlighting surgical techniques, technical pearls, and strategies for achieving optimal vulvar appearance.</i>
10:00–10:15		Morning Refreshment Break
10:15–12:00		Best Surgical Paper Showcase Session <i>Showcasing the very best in gender-affirming surgical research, this Best Paper Session features the highest-scoring surgical abstracts selected through WPATH's rigorous peer-review process. In a dynamic rapid-fire presentation format, each presenter will deliver a concise overview of their groundbreaking research, innovative techniques, or clinical outcomes, followed by an interactive discussion with the audience. This session offers attendees a unique opportunity to hear the latest advances in gender-affirming surgery while engaging directly with leading investigators and innovators shaping the future of surgical care.</i>
12:00–12:45		Lunch & Poster Viewing
12:45–1:45		Navigating the “Grey Zone”: Technique Selection in Gender-Affirming Top Surgery <i>This panel explores technique selection in gender-affirming top surgery for patients whose anatomy and goals may be suited to more than one operative approach, with discussion of surgical planning, indications, and decision-making. Techniques discussed will include keyhole and circumareolar, double incision approaches, button-hole surgery, targeted nipple reinnervation and reduction techniques.</i>
1:45–2:15		“How I Do It” – Nipple Reconstruction <i>Surgeons will present their technique for nipple reconstruction in gender-affirming top surgery through narrated operative videos, highlighting key steps, technical considerations, and variations in surgical approach. These will include traditional grafts, composite nipple grafts, pedicled techniques and targeted nipple reinnervation.</i>
2:15–3:15		Moving Beyond Access to Surgery: Optimizing Lifelong Outcomes After Vaginoplasty from Microscopic to Macroscopic Perspectives <i>As more transgender and gender-diverse individuals live years beyond vaginoplasty, understanding long-term gynecologic health has become increasingly important. This symposium brings together experts from gynecology, urology, immunology, microbiology, nursing, and surgery to examine common postoperative symptoms, including discharge, bleeding, pain, odor, and inflammation, while exploring emerging evidence on the unique biology of the neovagina. Presenters will discuss current challenges in diagnosis and management, patient-reported outcomes, and strategies to improve long-term care, quality of life, and clinical decision-making beyond traditional measures of surgical success.</i>
3:15–3:30		Afternoon Refreshment Break
3:30–4:00		“How I Do It” – Breast Augmentation <i>Surgeons will present their approach to breast augmentation through narrated operative videos, highlighting surgical technique, key operative steps, implant selection, and technical considerations including the use of fat, hybrid approaches and approach to tuberous breast cases.</i>
4:00–5:30		Hardest Case, Biggest Lesson Panel Discussion <i>This engaging panel will bring together five senior and internationally recognized gender-affirming surgeons, each of whom will present a single challenging case that significantly influenced their clinical practice. Panelists will</i>

discuss one of the most difficult surgical scenarios or complications they have encountered, sharing the clinical decision-making process, management strategies, patient outcomes, and—most importantly—the lessons learned that have changed the way they practice today.

7:00–9:30



Offsite Surgeon Dinner [\$]

Ticketed Event. Requires Separate Registration.

Monday, November 9 · Surgeon Preconference — Day 3

7:00



Surgeon Preconference Registration Open & Breakfast

7:30–8:30



Lessons Learned in “Early” Surgery

A review of patients who underwent gender-affirming surgery earlier in life, focusing on long-term outcomes, subsequent surgical needs, patient-reported experiences, and factors that inform current practice.

8:30–9:30



When Form Is Function: Approaching the Overlapping Domains of Gender-Affirming and Cosmetic Surgery: Where is the Line?

This panel explores the intersection of gender-affirming and aesthetic surgery, examining patient goals, surgical indications, insurance coverage considerations and clinical approaches that inform treatment planning when functional, affirming, and cosmetic objectives overlap.

9:30–10:00



How I Do it – Facial Gender-Affirming Surgery

Surgeons will present their approach to aspects of facial gender-affirming surgery through narrated operative videos, demonstrating techniques across a range of facial procedures and discussing key operative considerations. Highlighted techniques will include jawline contouring and the zygoma, the role of virtual surgical planning or not in forehead and jaw contouring, intra-oral tracheal shave.

10:00–10:15



Morning Refreshment Break

10:15–11:30



The Current State of Gender-Affirming Surgery in Mexico

A spotlight on gender-affirming surgery in Mexico, featuring perspectives from leaders across the country on clinical practice, education, research, and the continued growth of the field.

12:00–12:30



Lunch & Poster Viewing

12:30–1:30



Facial Gender-Affirming Surgery as a Longitudinal Care Pathway: Integrating Surgery, Mental Health, and Outcomes

Facial gender-affirming surgery extends far beyond the operating room. This symposium explores FGAS as a comprehensive, patient-centered care pathway, integrating surgical planning, mental health support, family and partner involvement, and patient-reported outcomes. Through a multidisciplinary perspective, presenters will examine how clinical decision-making, psychosocial support, and validated outcome measures work together to optimize long-term well-being, quality of life, and successful gender affirmation.

1:30–2:30



Innovations in Facial Gender-Affirming Surgery

A review of recent innovations in facial gender-affirming surgery, including advances in surgical technique, operative planning, technology, and outcome assessment. Topics will include a team approach to facial feminization, facial masculinization surgery, and the role of AI in facial surgery.

2:30–2:45



Afternoon Refreshment Break

2:45–3:45



Best Surgical Paper Showcase Session

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3:45–5:00



Identity Evolution, Gender Fluidity and Surgery: Navigating Infrequent and Individual Requests

An examination of uncommon and individualized requests in gender-affirming surgery, focusing on patient goals, surgical indications, informed consent, patient selection and care pathways and approaches to treatment planning outside conventional paradigms.



Monday, November 9 (continued) Symposium Pre-Opening

3:00–6:00		Exhibitor & Poster Move-In and Set-Up
3:00–7:00		Symposium Registration & Badge Pick-Up Opens
4:00–6:00		Fiesta de Bienvenida: Welcome Mixer & Early Badge Pick-Up <i>A warm Mexico City welcome for arriving delegates</i>
5:00–6:00		Student, Resident/Fellow & Early Career Meet-Up

Tuesday, November 10 · Scientific Symposium — Day 1

Opening day: plenaries, awards, presidential keynotes and the first scientific tracks (8 concurrent sessions per block). Concurrent titles are representative selections from accepted programming.

6:45		Registration Opens
7:00–8:00		Breakfast with Exhibitors & Poster Viewing
7:00–8:00		Speed Mentorship: Clinical & Career Development – Part I (Advanced registration is required during conference registration, as space is limited.) <i>A dynamic, hands-on mentorship experience designed for students, residents, fellows, and early-career professionals to learn directly from experienced clinicians, researchers, educators, and leaders in transgender health. Through a series of structured, small-group mentoring discussions, participants will gain practical guidance on clinical practice, research, professional development, leadership, and career pathways while exploring real-world challenges and opportunities in the field.</i>
8:00–9:45	☆	Presidential Opening Keynote Address: Healing as Sovereignty: Indigenous Knowledge, Two-Spirit Youth, and Challenging Anti-Trans Policy <i>The official opening of the 29th Scientific Symposium, this opening keynote will examine the intersection of Indigenous knowledge, Two-Spirit traditions, evidence-informed healthcare, public policy, and human rights as they relate to transgender and gender-diverse health. Drawing on clinical, legal, ethical, and Indigenous perspectives, the session will explore how culturally responsive models of care and Indigenous approaches to health can inform contemporary gender-affirming practice while addressing the impact of emerging policy and legislative challenges.</i> <i>Participants will gain insight into the historical and ongoing role of gender diversity within Indigenous communities, the health implications of restrictive policies, and interdisciplinary approaches for advancing equitable, patient-centered care. The session will also examine how legal and governance frameworks may influence access to healthcare and discuss opportunities for healthcare professionals to support evidence-based practice while respecting cultural knowledge, community leadership, and patient autonomy.</i> <i>This session is designed to provide attendees with a broader understanding of the clinical, ethical, legal, and cultural factors shaping transgender healthcare while setting the stage for the scientific, educational, and collaborative discussions that will follow throughout the Symposium.</i>
9:45–10:15		Morning Refreshment Break with Exhibitors & Poster Presentations <i>Networking with innovators, exhibitors and posters presenters in the Exhibit Hall.</i>
9:45–10:15		Innovation Zone: Coffee & Conversations — Innovation in Action: Emerging Tools and Models in Gender-Affirming Care <i>Discover innovative approaches that are shaping the future of gender-affirming care. This Rapid-Fire Session features three five-minute presentations highlighting emerging tools and models designed to enhance patient engagement, improve clinical decision-making, and expand access to affirming care. Following the presentations, attendees will have the opportunity to engage with the speakers during an interactive Q&A discussion.</i>
9:45–10:15		Student Poster Competition

Block A Concurrent Sessions · 10:15 – 11:15 · 60 minutes Choose ONE of the 8 breakout sessions below.	
 INNOVATIONS & TECHNOLOGY  MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Multidisciplinary Case Lab: Beyond Hormones and Surgery <i>Interactive, case-based lab exploring whole-person, team-based gender-affirming care beyond medical and surgical pathways.</i>	 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Aging and Health Among Gender-Diverse Older Adults in Israel <i>Community-based survey findings on the health, needs, and experiences of LGBTQIA+ adults aged 50 and older.</i>
 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Developing a Member-Driven Research Agenda: A USPATH Town Hall & Delphi Process <i>Member town hall and Delphi process to shape USPATH's transgender- and gender-diverse health research priorities.</i>	 SURGERY Facial Feminization and Body Contouring <i>Outcomes, access, and surgical innovation across facial feminization and body-contouring procedures.</i>
 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Beyond Distress Reduction: Promoting Gender Euphoria in Youth <i>Behavioral interventions that move beyond distress reduction to foster gender euphoria in gender-diverse youth.</i>	 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Family Support, Parent Experience, and Relational Care <i>Centering families, parents, and relationships in gender-affirming care across the lifespan.</i>
 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Prioritizing BIPOC TRANS+ Representation in Research — The STRIVE Study <i>Lessons from the STRIVE study on community-engaged, equitable research with BIPOC trans+ communities.</i>	 STUDENTS & EARLY CAREER Education, Simulation, and Training the Next Generation <i>Building the future gender-affirming workforce through education, simulation, and hands-on training.</i>
Block B Concurrent Sessions · 11:30 – 12:30 · 60 minutes Choose ONE of the 8 breakout sessions below.	
 SURGERY  INNOVATIONS & TECHNOLOGY Surgical Readiness and Decision-Making Lab <i>Interactive lab on assessing surgical readiness and supporting shared decision-making.</i>	 STUDENTS & EARLY CAREER Advancing LGBTQ+ Health Through Academic Medicine: U.S. Fellowship Milestones, Institutional Collaboration, and Global Implications <i>U.S. fellowship milestones, medical-school collaboration, and global implications for LGBTQ+ health education.</i>
 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Intersectional Stigma, Mental/Sexual Health, and Access among TGD People of Color <i>Studies on stigma, health, and access from North and South American contexts.</i>	 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT  STUDENTS & EARLY CAREER The Use of Social Media <i>Interactive session on social media's role in trans health and community.</i>
 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT China, Taiwan, and East Asia: Governance, Stress, and Gender-Affirming Care <i>Regional perspectives on governance, minority stress, and access across Asia.</i>	 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Trans-led Responses to Suicidality <i>Mobilizing community knowledge for self-determination and clinical safety.</i>
 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM The Affirm Training Corps <i>Scaling up a behavioral approach to gender-inclusive training across an academic medical center.</i>	 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Care Under Crossfire: A WPATH Ethics Session <i>Navigating ethical challenges in gender-affirming care under political pressure.</i>
12:30–1:30  Lunch Session: More Than a Clinic: Building an Ecosystem of Gender-Affirming Care <i>Creating high-quality gender-affirming care requires more than clinical services, it requires a coordinated ecosystem built on community partnership, interdisciplinary collaboration, and a commitment to health equity. In this session, presenters will share the development and evolution of the Affirm program, highlighting how centering the voices of transgender, gender-diverse, and LGBTQ+ communities has shaped its approach to care. Participants will explore practical strategies for integrating patient navigation, community engagement, and collaborative care models to strengthen access, build trust, and develop sustainable, responsive gender-affirming healthcare programs.</i>	

12:30–1:30	 Lunch Session: Beyond the Binary: Muxe Identity, Indigenous Knowledge, and the Future of Gender-Affirming Care <i>The Muxe community of Oaxaca, Mexico represents one of the world's oldest and most recognized Indigenous gender-diverse identities, offering important perspectives on gender, culture, community, and belonging. This session explores the historical and cultural significance of Muxe identity while examining how Indigenous knowledge can inform more culturally responsive, affirming, and person-centered healthcare. Through lived experience and dialogue, attendees will gain a deeper understanding of the intersections of culture, identity, resilience, and health, and consider how healthcare systems can better support gender-diverse communities through culturally grounded approaches to care.</i>
12:30–1:30	 Lunch Session: Voice, Communication, and Gender Expression Care <i>Join experts as they explore the vital role of voice, communication, and gender expression in supporting gender affirmation and overall well-being. Through emerging research, innovative clinical approaches, and practical strategies, this session will examine interventions that enhance authentic self-expression, improve patient confidence, and advance person-centered, gender-affirming care. Attendees will gain valuable insights into integrating voice and gender expression services across diverse clinical settings.</i>
12:30–1:45	 Lunch + Exhibits and Poster Viewing
12:30–1:45	 WPATH Board of Directors Strategic Luncheon (Closed Meeting: WPATH Board of Directors Only)
1:45–3:00	 Presidential Keynote Address: At the Crossroads - Global Resistance, Community Power, and the Future of Gender-Affirming Care <i>A bold discussion centered on advocacy, policy, science, and the collective responsibility to protect and advance transgender health worldwide.</i>
3:00–3:30	 Afternoon Refreshment Break with Exhibitors & Poster Presentations <i>Networking with innovators, exhibitors and posters presenters in the Exhibit Hall.</i>
3:00–3:30	 Innovation Zone: Coffee & Conversations — Advancing Gender-Affirming Care Through Innovation: International Surgical Collaboration, Research, and Youth Education <i>Discover how innovative partnerships, patient-centered research, and digital education are transforming the future of gender-affirming care around the world. In this engaging Rapid-Fire Session, three presenters will each deliver a concise five-minute presentation highlighting novel approaches to expanding access to care, advancing surgical research, and improving health education for transgender and gender-diverse communities. Following the presentations, attendees will participate in an interactive question-and-answer discussion, providing an opportunity to engage directly with the speakers, explore practical applications, and discuss how these innovative models can be adapted across diverse clinical, research, and community settings.</i>
3:00–3:30	 Student Poster Competition

Block C Concurrent Sessions · 3:30 – 4:30 · 60 minutes Choose ONE of the 8 breakout sessions below.	
 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Policy Restrictions, Program Closures, and Legal Landscape of Care <i>How shifting policy and law are reshaping access to gender-affirming care.</i>	 INNOVATIONS & TECHNOLOGY Research Builder Lab: From Idea to IRB <i>Hands-on lab guiding new investigators from research idea to IRB submission.</i>
 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Transfeminine Hormone Therapy: Antiandrogens, Estradiol, and Safety <i>Clinical evidence on antiandrogens, estradiol regimens, and safety monitoring.</i>	 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM The Dreamed Body: A Multiple Phenomenological Approach <i>Exploring the lived bodily experience of trans and gender-diverse people.</i>
 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Intersex Healthcare Across the Life Course in Canada <i>Access, interventions, and care pathways for intersex people across the lifespan.</i>	 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Sexual Pleasure & Gender-Affirming Care <i>A multidisciplinary perspective on centering sexual pleasure in care.</i>

 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM The Phenomena of Trans Phantoms <i>Theoretical and clinical utility of 'trans phantom' experiences.</i>		 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Global Epidemiology, Identity Development, and Transition Patterns <i>Worldwide data on identity development and transition trajectories.</i>	
Block D Concurrent Sessions · 4:45 – 5:45 · 60 minutes Choose ONE of the 8 breakout sessions below.			
 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Navigating Health Care Transitions in Iceland <i>Supporting adolescents as they move from youth to adult gender-affirming care.</i>		 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Sexual Well-Being, Function, and Reproductive Health in Transmasculine Care <i>Evidence on sexual and reproductive health for transmasculine patients.</i>	
 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Barriers and Access to Pediatric Gender-Affirming Medications <i>An 18-year review of access and barriers to pediatric GA medications.</i>		 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Ethics in Gender-Affirming Care: A Case-Based Introduction <i>A practical, case-based introduction to everyday clinical ethics.</i>	
 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT The Impact of Colonization on the Trans Community <i>Identifying colonial values across cultures to redirect societal agency.</i>		 SURGERY Building Transgender Healthcare Systems in South Korea <i>Integrating data, clinical demand, surgical capacity, and care coordination.</i>	
 INNOVATIONS & TECHNOLOGY Estradiol Dosing, Titration, and Lab Monitoring <i>A review of the science and evidence behind estradiol management.</i>		 SURGERY Genital Surgery Outcomes: Phalloplasty and Prosthetic <i>Outcomes data for phalloplasty and prosthetic procedures.</i>	
6:00–8:00		Welcome Reception with Exhibitors and Poster Viewing <i>An energizing evening designed to bring the global community together through conversation, collaboration, and celebration. Connect with colleagues, presenters, researchers, exhibitors, and emerging leaders while enjoying curated cuisine, innovative poster presentations, and immersive networking experiences.</i>	
6:15–6:45		Student Poster Competition Award Ceremony <i>Join us in the Exhibit Hall as we celebrate the outstanding achievements of the next generation of leaders in transgender health. During this special recognition ceremony, the WPATH President, President-Elect, and Scientific Steering Committee will honor the top student poster presentations, recognizing excellence in research, innovation, and scientific contribution. Attendees are invited to congratulate the award recipients and celebrate the exceptional work of students whose research is helping shape the future of transgender and gender-diverse healthcare.</i>	

Wednesday, November 11 · Scientific Symposium — Day 2

Keynotes, scientific tracks (8 concurrent sessions per block), the WPATH Business Meeting and the Final Night Gala. Concurrent titles are representative.

7:00		Registration Opens
7:30–8:30		Breakfast with Exhibitors & Poster Viewing
7:30–8:30		Board of Directors Breakfast Strategic Meeting (Closed Meeting: WPATH Board of Directors Only)
7:30–8:30		Breakfast Session: New Insights on Adolescent Transgender Care from the Amsterdam Gender Clinic <i>As gender-affirming medical care for transgender and gender-diverse adolescents continues to evolve, this symposium brings together leading researchers to examine long-term outcomes, developmental trajectories, ethical considerations, and the broader social factors influencing care. Drawing on longitudinal studies, qualitative research, and international comparisons, presenters will explore mental health, wellbeing, informed consent, sexual health, and developmental assessment to provide new evidence that informs clinical practice and advances adolescent gender-affirming care worldwide.</i>

7:30–8:30	 Breakfast Session: Sexual and Reproductive Health Across the Lifespan <i>Start your day with an engaging discussion exploring the evolving sexual and reproductive health needs of transgender and gender-diverse individuals across the lifespan. This multidisciplinary session will examine current evidence, clinical best practices, and emerging approaches to fertility preservation, contraception, cancer screening, sexual well-being, menopause, pregnancy, and other aspects of comprehensive reproductive healthcare. Join experts from across specialties as they share practical insights and foster discussion on delivering inclusive, evidence-informed, and patient-centered care that supports the diverse needs and goals of transgender and gender-diverse people throughout every stage of life.</i>
7:30–8:30	 Breakfast Session: Menopause, Aging, and Lifespan Gender-Affirming Care <i>As the transgender and gender-diverse population continues to grow and age, healthcare professionals must be prepared to address the unique clinical, psychosocial, and preventive health needs that arise across the lifespan. This engaging breakfast session will explore current evidence and emerging best practices related to menopause, healthy aging, hormone management, chronic disease prevention, cancer screening, cognitive health, sexual well-being, and long-term gender-affirming care. Through an interdisciplinary lens, expert faculty will discuss strategies for delivering comprehensive, affirming, and person-centered care that supports healthy aging and improves quality of life for transgender and gender-diverse individuals at every stage of adulthood.</i>
8:30–9:45	 Day 2: Presidential Opening Keynote Address: A Decade of Evidence: Long-Term Effects of Gender-Affirming Hormone Therapy — Insights from the ENIGI-10 Study on Voice and Athletic Participation <i>An important scientific session highlighting long-term research findings and their implications for evidence-based care, quality of life, and policy conversations.</i>
9:45–10:15	 Morning Refreshment Break with Exhibitors & Posters Presentations <i>Networking with innovators, exhibitors and posters presenters in the Exhibit Hall.</i>
9:45–10:15	 Innovation Zone: Coffee & Conversations — Robotic Peritoneal Vaginoplasty: Technique, Revision, and Early Outcomes <i>This Innovative Rapid Fire Session features three expert presenters delivering 5-minute presentations on robotic-assisted peritoneal vaginoplasty, highlighting surgical technique, revision strategies, learning curve experiences, and comparative outcomes. The presentations will be followed by an interactive Q&A discussion, offering attendees practical insights into emerging approaches and best practices in gender-affirming genital surgery.</i>

Block E Concurrent Sessions · 10:15 – 11:15 · 60 minutes Choose ONE of the 8 breakout sessions below.

 INNOVATIONS & TECHNOLOGY Public Policy & Access Lab <i>Innovation lab translating policy advocacy into improved access to care.</i>	 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Medico-Legal Partnerships for Transgender Health <i>Bridging clinical expertise and litigation to address barriers in correctional settings.</i>
 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Mental Health Outcomes in TGD Populations <i>Global and longitudinal perspectives on mental health outcomes.</i>	 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Cancer and Oncology Care for TGD Patients <i>Oncology considerations and care strategies for trans and gender-diverse patients.</i>
 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM The Contextual Disclosure Deliberation Model <i>Adolescent attitudes toward the collection, storage, and use of SOGI data.</i>	 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Advancing Access to Care for TGD Medicare Beneficiaries <i>Community-engaged findings on improving Medicare access.</i>
 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM New Directions in Mental Health of Transgender Adolescents <i>Longitudinal data and responses to a changing socio-political climate.</i>	 SURGERY Vaginoplasty Outcomes and Postoperative Complications <i>Surgical outcomes and management of postoperative complications.</i>

Block F Concurrent Sessions · 11:30 – 12:30 · 60 minutes Choose ONE of the 8 breakout sessions below.

 INNOVATIONS & TECHNOLOGY AI in Gender-Affirming Care Lab <i>Exploring practical and ethical uses of AI in gender-affirming care.</i>	 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Sexual Health, HIV Prevention, and Preventive Care <i>Preventive care and HIV-prevention strategies across trans communities.</i>
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 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Gender-Affirming Care in Mexico and Latin America <i>Access, systems, and community response across the region.</i>	 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Cancer Screening and Preventive Oncology in TGD Care <i>Screening guidance and preventive oncology for TGD patients.</i>
 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Beyond Medication: Sexual Dysfunction in Trans Patients <i>Multidisciplinary, expansive approaches to sexual dysfunction.</i>	 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Eating, Body Image, and Embodiment <i>Research on eating, body image, and embodiment in trans communities.</i>
 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Intersecting Identities: Gender Diversity, Chronic Pain, and Neurodivergence <i>Navigating adolescence at the crossroads of these intersecting experiences.</i>	 SURGERY Gender-Affirming Surgery in Transmasculine Care <i>Chest, genital, and patient-reported outcomes.</i>
12:30–1:30  Speed Mentorship: Clinical & Career Development – Part II (Continuation Session – Advanced Registration Required; Participation is limited to individuals who attended Part I and pre-registered during conference registration.) <i>This session continues the structured mentorship experience for participants who attended the first Speed Mentorship session and pre-registered for the two-part series. During this interactive luncheon, mentees will reconnect with their faculty mentors to reflect on key educational takeaways from the Symposium, discuss how newly acquired knowledge can be applied to clinical practice, research, education, and career development, and receive additional guidance on professional growth. Participants will have the opportunity to ask follow-up questions, explore lessons learned from the meeting, and develop practical strategies to support their continued development in transgender health.</i>	
12:30–1:30  Lunch Session: Provider Workforce, Burnout, and Retention in Gender-Affirming Care <i>As demand for gender-affirming healthcare continues to grow, supporting and sustaining the workforce has never been more critical. This session will explore the factors contributing to provider burnout, workforce instability, organizational support, and retention within gender-affirming care. Presenters will examine the impact of policy-related pressures, workplace challenges, and strategies to strengthen provider well-being and build a resilient workforce capable of meeting the evolving needs of transgender and gender-diverse communities.</i>	
12:30–1:30  Lunch Session: Why Is Trans Healthcare Illegal in the U.S. <i>As legal and legislative challenges continue to reshape the landscape of transgender healthcare in the United States, this timely session will examine the legal, political, ethical, and clinical factors driving restrictions on gender-affirming care. Experts will explore recent legislation, court decisions, their impact on patients and providers, and strategies for navigating this rapidly evolving environment while maintaining evidence-informed, ethical clinical practice.</i>	
12:30–1:30  Lunch Session: Hormones That Matter: Rethinking What We Measure and When in Gender-Affirming Care <i>This session examines emerging approaches to laboratory monitoring in gender-affirming hormone therapy, challenging traditional reliance on estradiol and testosterone levels alone. Presenters will explore the role of endocrine physiology, novel biomarkers, and individualized monitoring strategies to better assess hormonal response and optimize patient outcomes. Through evidence-based discussions and clinical case examples, attendees will gain practical insights into interpreting laboratory results, connecting biomarkers to meaningful clinical outcomes, and advancing more precise, personalized, and equitable gender-affirming care.</i>	
12:30–1:45  Lunch + Exhibits & Poster Viewing	
1:45–3:00  Presidential Keynote Address: Global Collaboration in Action - Advancing Transgender Health Across Regions <i>Leaders from international affiliate organizations unite to explore how cross-border collaboration, regional innovation, and shared advocacy efforts are shaping the future of transgender health worldwide.</i>	
3:00–3:30  Afternoon Refreshment Break with Exhibitors & Poster Presentations <i>Networking with innovators, exhibitors and posters presenters in the Exhibit Hall.</i>	

3:15–3:45



Innovation Zone: Coffee & Conversations — Reimagining Transgender Health with AI: Virtual Patients, Clinical Training, and Smarter Care Pathways

This Innovative Rapid Fire Session features three presenters delivering 5-minute presentations on the emerging role of artificial intelligence in transgender health. Presentations will explore AI virtual patients for clinical simulation, AI-supported training for psychiatry residents, and data-driven frameworks to address care gaps and advance health equity. The session will conclude with an interactive Q&A discussion on the opportunities, limitations, and ethical considerations of using AI to support education, clinical decision-making, and more responsive care pathways.

Block G Concurrent Sessions · 3:30 – 4:30 · 60 minutes Choose ONE of the 8 breakout sessions below.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Youth Gender-Affirming Care: Developmental Trajectories <i>Developmental trajectories, family outcomes, and access for youth.</i>	INNOVATIONS & TECHNOLOGY Digital and Scalable Models of Gender-Affirming Care <i>Telehealth and scalable models expanding the reach of care.</i>
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Social Determinants, Structural Vulnerability, and Access to Care <i>How structural factors shape access to gender-affirming care.</i>	MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Gender Affirmation and HIV Testing: An Intersectional MAIHDA Approach <i>Intersectional analysis of affirmation and HIV testing among TGD adults.</i>
MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Guidelines for Gender-Diverse Contraception and Menstrual Care <i>A stepwise approach with practical case discussions.</i>	MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Global Atlas of Transgender Health <i>Translating WPATH SOC-8 across six countries.</i>
MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Advances in Depression and Suicidality in Trans People <i>New conceptualizations and understanding of depression and suicidality.</i>	MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Detransition, Re-Identification, and Complexity in Gender Journeys <i>Exploring complexity and re-identification across gender journeys.</i>

Block H Concurrent Sessions · 4:45 – 5:45 · 60 minutes Choose ONE of the 8 breakout sessions below.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Kink Experiences and Community Acceptance among Bi+ TGD Adults <i>Community acceptance and experiences among racially diverse bi+ adults.</i>	SURGERY Complicating Consent: Special Populations in Surgery <i>Considerations for assessing and supporting patients through gender-affirming surgery.</i>
MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Autoimmune and Broader Medical Effects of Gender-Affirming Hormone Therapy <i>Autoimmune and systemic effects of gender-affirming hormone therapy.</i>	MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM A Patient-Reported Experience Measure for Trans and Gender Diverse Youth <i>A multi-stage participatory study protocol co-developed with young people.</i>
MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Transgender Health in Australia <i>Youth care, family experience, and care models.</i>	MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM The Transgender Elder Experience in Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Diaspora <i>Similarities, differences, and resilience among trans elders.</i>
STUDENTS & EARLY CAREER SURGERY Mentorship, Networking, and the Research Arms Race – An Expert Panel for Trainees Pursuing Surgical Specialties <i>Bringing together transgender surgeons, surgical residents, surgical care team, and faculty from multiple specialties to provide practical guidance on mentorship, research, professional development, and successfully navigating the increasingly competitive surgical pathway, with particular attention to the experiences and challenges of transgender and gender-diverse</i>	MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Expanding Testosterone Options for Gender Diverse Patients <i>Subcutaneous pellet therapy and long-acting injectable testosterone undecanoate.</i>

trainees.	
6:00–7:00	 WPATH Business Meeting (Open to Active WPATH Members Only) <i>The WPATH Annual Business Meeting provides Active WPATH Members with an opportunity to receive updates on the Association's strategic initiatives, governance activities, financial stewardship, committee accomplishments, and organizational priorities. Members will hear reports from WPATH leadership, review key organizational developments, and engage in discussions that will help shape the future direction of the Association. This meeting serves as an important forum for transparency, member engagement, and shared governance.</i>
Block I Concurrent Sessions · 6:00 – 7:00 · 60 minutes Choose ONE of the 8 breakout sessions below.	
 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Youth Voice, Research Participation, and Community Engagement <i>Meaningful youth engagement, community partnerships, and inclusive research practices are shaping the future of transgender health research and advocacy.</i>	 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Hormone Therapy Use, Access, and Treatment Patterns <i>International trends in gender-affirming hormone therapy, prescribing practices, access to care, and evolving treatment patterns across diverse healthcare settings.</i>
 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Depression, Distress, and Suicidality in TGD Populations <i>Emerging evidence on mental health outcomes, suicide prevention, and factors that promote resilience among transgender and gender-diverse populations.</i>	 STUDENTS & EARLY CAREER Educational Outcomes of a Resident-Led Gender-Affirming Injectables Clinic <i>Improving clinical education while expanding access to gender-affirming injectable therapies.</i>
 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Black, Latinx, Migrant, and Intersectional Trans Health Equity <i>Race, ethnicity, migration, and intersecting identities influence health disparities, access to care, and culturally responsive transgender healthcare.</i>	 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Social and Legal Recognition, Documentation, and Administrative Gendering <i>The impact of legal recognition, clinical documentation, and administrative practices on equitable, affirming healthcare for transgender and gender-diverse individuals.</i>
 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIV Prevention, Care, and Community-Based Interventions <i>Innovative HIV prevention strategies, integrated care models, and community-led interventions that improve health outcomes for transgender communities.</i>	 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Community, Belonging, and Peer Support <i>Peer support, community connection, and resilience-building initiatives to promote well-being and improve health outcomes for transgender and gender-diverse individuals.</i>
8:00–11:30	 Final Night Gala "Abya Yala - All White Party" <i>"Abya Yala," meaning "land of life," celebrates culture, resilience, identity, and connection across the Americas. Guests are invited to embrace attire reflecting their cultural heritage or wear an all-white attire symbolizing unity and shared purpose. Prepare for an unforgettable evening of music, celebration, artistry, and meaningful connection in the heart of Mexico City.</i>

Thursday, November 12 · Scientific Symposium — Day 3

Closing day: morning keynote, final scientific tracks (8 concurrent sessions per block) and the closing keynote address. Concurrent titles are representative.

7:15	 Registration Opens
7:30–8:30	 Breakfast with Exhibitors & Poster Viewing
7:30–8:30	 Breakfast Session: Gynecologic, Pelvic, and Cervical Health in Gender-Affirming Care <i>Join colleagues for an engaging breakfast session exploring key considerations in gynecologic, pelvic, and cervical health for transgender and gender-diverse individuals. Presenters will discuss advances in cervical cancer screening, pelvic floor health, physiotherapy, and the management of testosterone-associated vulvovaginal conditions. Through emerging research and clinical insights, this session will provide practical strategies to improve preventive care, patient outcomes, and multidisciplinary collaboration across the continuum of gender-affirming care.</i>

7:30–8:30	 Breakfast Session: Global Access Barriers and Health System Misalignment <i>Despite growing recognition of gender-affirming care worldwide, significant barriers continue to limit equitable access across healthcare systems. This breakfast session will examine how policy, health system design, workforce capacity, and social determinants influence access to care in diverse international settings. Presenters will share research and practical experiences highlighting innovative models, persistent challenges, and strategies to improve equitable, patient-centered care for transgender and gender-diverse communities around the globe.</i>
7:30–8:30	 Breakfast Session: Indigenous, Aboriginal, and Decolonial Approaches to Trans Health <i>This breakfast session explores how Indigenous knowledge systems, community leadership, and decolonial approaches can strengthen transgender health and well-being. Presenters will examine research involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, Indigenous perspectives on mental health and social determinants of health, substance use service needs, and culturally responsive models of care for migrant Latinx communities. Together, these presentations will highlight the importance of community-led, culturally grounded approaches that promote equity, resilience, and self-determination in transgender healthcare.</i>
7:30–8:30	 Breakfast Session: Provider Education and Clinical Training in Gender-Affirming Care <i>Preparing for the next generation of healthcare professionals is essential to expanding access to high-quality gender-affirming care. This breakfast session will showcase innovative approaches to provider education, including simulation-based learning, graduate medical education milestones, comprehensive training programs, and anti-oppressive teaching strategies. Presenters will discuss practical tools and educational models designed to strengthen clinical competencies, improve patient-centered care, and build a confident, culturally responsive workforce.</i>
8:30–9:45	 Day 3: Presidential Opening Keynote Address: Against Exceptionalism: The Ethics of Gender-Affirming Medical Care in Adolescence <i>A timely and nuanced discussion examining ethics, shared decision-making, family-centered care, and the evolving clinical landscape.</i>
9:45–10:15	 Morning Refreshment Break with Exhibitors & Poster Presentations <i>Take advantage of this final opportunity to visit exhibitors and poster presenters before the hall closes.</i>
9:45–10:15	 Innovation Zone: Coffee & Conversations — Seeing, Measuring, and Classifying Gender: New Tools for Clinical Practice and Patient-Centered Care <i>This Innovative Rapid Fire Session features three presenters delivering 5-minute presentations on emerging tools designed to improve gender-affirming clinical practice. Topics include patient-reported measures of gender expression, the use of sex and gender classifications in clinical decision-support tools, and culturally grounded visual approaches to understanding identity and gender dysphoria. The session concludes with an interactive Q&A discussion, exploring how innovative assessment tools can enhance patient-centered care, clinical decision-making, and health equity across diverse care settings.</i>

Block J Concurrent Sessions · 10:15 – 11:15 · 60 minutes Choose ONE of the 8 breakout sessions below.

 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Methodological Drift in Youth Gender Care Policy <i>Examining misuse of evidentiary certainty and failures in ethical translation.</i>	 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Global Health Systems and Models of Gender-Affirming Care <i>Comparative health-system models for delivering care.</i>
 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Measuring Gender-Affirming Outcomes <i>GENDER-Q, euphoria, expression, and social-affirmation outcome measures.</i>	 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Protecting Gender-Affirming Care in Hostile Policy Environments <i>An interdisciplinary implementation framework for continuity of care.</i>
 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Care Where It's Needed Most: A Safety-Net Approach <i>An integrated community-health approach for queer and trans young people.</i>	 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Knowledge Across Borders: An International Training Model <i>Capacity-building for transgender health in a Global South context.</i>

 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Autism and Gender Diversity Across Clinical Care <i>Clinical considerations at the intersection of autism and gender diversity.</i>	 INNOVATIONS & TECHNOLOGY Protocols in Changing Times Lab <i>Innovation lab updating clinical protocols for shifting landscape.</i>
Block K Concurrent Sessions · 11:30 – 12:30 · 60 minutes Choose ONE of the 8 breakout sessions below.	
 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Assessing Capacity for Gender-Affirming Medical Interventions <i>Frameworks for assessing decision-making capacity for medical interventions.</i>	 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Intersex Health, DSD, and Overlap with Gender Diversity <i>Clinical overlap between intersex/DSD care and gender diversity.</i>
 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Dual Challenges: Gender Dysphoria and Disordered Eating in Adolescents <i>Assessment and treatment of co-occurring dysphoria and disordered eating.</i>	 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Minority Stress, Community Support, and Resilience <i>Minority stress, improve emotional well-being, and build resilience among sexual and gender-diverse individuals.</i>
 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Beyond the Clinic Walls: Community-Led Access <i>Community-led access strategies for abortion and gender-affirming health care.</i>	 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Statistical Justice as a Condition for Trans Health Equity <i>Evidence from Colombia's death, data, and health-service systems.</i>
 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM Uptake of Fertility Preservation in UK and Singapore <i>A service evaluation across three primary-care-led gender services.</i>	 INNOVATIONS & TECHNOLOGY Building a Gender Practice Without a Gender Team <i>Innovation lab on delivering gender care without a dedicated team.</i>
12:45–2:00	 Closing Presidential Keynote Address & Farewell <i>The Symposium will conclude with an inspiring and forward-looking plenary that celebrates the remarkable progress made in advancing transgender health while looking boldly toward the future. Through reflections on leadership, resilience, innovation, advocacy, and global collaboration, this session will challenge attendees to consider how each of us can shape the next chapter of transgender healthcare. During the last five minutes, the program will conclude with closing remarks, recognition of those whose contributions have advanced the field, and a call to continue building a future grounded in scientific excellence, compassion, equity, and hope.</i>

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