Hormone therapy may be all the treatment you need for your gender dysphoria. While you are being treated with hormones, you will be monitored to determine if the hormone treatment is benefiting you. Before starting hormone treatment you are encouraged to exercise regularly and stop smoking. Exercise improves the benefits of hormone treatment, while smoking causes increased risks associated with hormone treatment.

Blood tests will be taken to determine your health and suitability to begin hormone therapy. Some people may be unable to take hormones due to other health conditions.

You may be frustrated with how long hormone therapy takes to produce results, and you will need to be realistic about the extent of changes you can expect. For example, hormones cannot change the shape or height of your skeleton.

**Testosterone** can be prescribed for transgender men diagnosed with gender dysphoria and is often helpful in making their appearance more masculine. Noticeable changes may include:

- your voice may get deeper
- your body may redistribute body fat into a more male shape
- you may have more muscle tone
- you may develop male pattern body and facial hair growth
- you may have an increased sex drive
- your clitoris (a small, sensitive part of the female genitals) may get bigger
- your periods may stop

**Testosterone** side effects may also include:

- liver complications
- acne
- male pattern baldness
- allergic reaction
- chest pain
- heart attack
- hearing loss
- ringing in the ears
- diarrhea
- abdominal pain
- nausea
- swelling
- blood glucose level changes
- elevation of blood pressure
- elevation of cholesterol and/or triglycerides
- musculoskeletal pain

These potential effects and side effects make it important to have regular medical check-ups.

I have read the effects and side effects of the medication(s) which are being prescribed to me for gender dysphoria. You may experience additional side effects that are not listed and agree to notify your medical provider if you experience any side effects. I accept the potential risks inherent in this treatment. I have been given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss my treatment with my health care provider. By signing below, I acknowledge the risks, verify my understanding of the information provided, and consent to treatment with the medication(s) prescribed to me for gender dysphoria.

Signature: ____________________________________________ Date: __________

Printed Name: ____________________________________________ ODOC#: __________

Witness: ____________________________________________ Date: __________

Witness: ____________________________________________ Title: __________ Date: __________

Inmate Name
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