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INFORMED CONSENT FORM: MINOR YOUTH PUBERTY BLOCKERS FOR ASSIGNED MALES WITH GENDER DYSPHORIA

My/Our youth is receiving treatment for gender dysphoria. The cause of gender dysphoria is not known. I/We understand that the effect of this on my/our youth means that, even though they think of themselves as non-binary or as partially or completely feminine, they have genetic, biological and physical masculine traits. I/We want my/our child to receive treatment that will help their body stop having the changes of male puberty. This will allow my/our child time to continue their gender journey without having to worry about unwanted, permanent male body changes.

I/We understand that my/our youth has had a puberty blocker–readiness assessment from a qualified provider and that they are deemed eligible and ready to begin taking puberty blockers.

I/We have been provided a copy of the clinic's information sheet *Puberty Blockers for Assigned Males with Gender Dysphoria*. I/We have had a chance to read over this document. I/We have also had the opportunity to go over this document in detail with my/our youth's gender doctor, and they have answered all my/our questions and addressed all my/our concerns.

I/we agree for my/our youth to take puberty blockers as prescribed. I/We agree to tell my/our youth's doctor if they are not happy with the treatment or are experiencing any problems. I/we understand that the right dose or type of medication prescribed for my/our youth may not be the same as for someone else. I/we understand that physical examinations and blood tests are needed on a regular basis to check for the positive and negative effects of puberty blockers. I/we have been told that my/our youth will continue to get medical care no matter what information is shared. I/we understand that my/our youth may choose to stop taking puberty blockers at any time, and that it is best that this is done with the help of my/our youth's doctor, to make sure there are no negative reactions to stopping. I/we understand that my/our youth's doctor may suggest they decrease or stop taking puberty blockers, or switch to another type of feminizing medication, if there are severe side-effects or health risks that can't be controlled.

My/Our signature below confirms that:

- My/Our youth's doctor has talked with me/us about the benefits and risks of puberty blockers, the possible or likely consequences of hormone therapy, and any potential alternative treatment options.
- I/We understand the risks that may be involved.
- I/We understand that the information provided to me/us covers known effects and risks, and that there may be long-term effects or risks that are not yet known.
- I/We have had the opportunity to discuss treatment options with my/our youth's doctor. All of my/our questions have been answered.
- I/We believe that I/we have enough knowledge to provide informed consent to take puberty blockers therapy.

Informed Consent Form: Minor Youth: Puberty Blockers for Assigned Males with Gender Dysphoria (continued)

PLEASE WRITE OUT YOUTH'S NAME	Date of Birth
Parent/Guardian #1 Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian #2 Signature	Date
Witness Signature	Date
Physician Signature	 Date
I understand that my parent(s) or legal guardian(s) have have had this consent form explained to me, and I agree	_
Patient Signature	 Date