



Position Statement

Gender-Affirming Care

We affirm the inherent dignity and worth of every human being as created in the image of God. We believe that all people are deserving of compassion, respect, and ethical healthcare that seeks their true good.

Therefore, we oppose medical interventions commonly described as “gender-affirming care,” including the use of puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and surgical procedures intended to alter normal sexual anatomy.

We affirm the biblical understanding that God created humanity as male and female, and that biological sex is an objective, immutable reality established at conception and present in every cell of the human body. While contemporary culture often distinguishes “gender identity” from biological sex and treats gender as fluid or self-defined, we believe this framework is incompatible with both biblical anthropology and biological reality. Human flourishing is found not in rejecting or altering God’s design, but in receiving our embodied sex as a good gift from our Creator.

We recognize that individuals who experience distress related to their sex or identity—often described as gender dysphoria—may suffer deeply and deserve thoughtful, compassionate care. We believe that such distress is real and should be addressed with humility, patience, and love. However, we reject the premise that psychological distress is best treated by hormonally or surgically altering healthy bodies. Interventions that suppress normal puberty, disrupt fertility, or permanently modify healthy tissue are not restorative, are increasingly unsupported by robust long-term evidence, and risk significant physical, psychological, and spiritual harm—particularly for children and adolescents who lack the developmental capacity to consent to life-altering treatments.

As Christian pharmacists, we are entrusted with safeguarding patient health and upholding the ethical principle of non-maleficence. We therefore oppose participation in or facilitation of gender-affirming pharmacologic or surgical interventions that intentionally disrupt normal human physiology for the purpose of affirming an identity incongruent with biological sex. This includes prescribing, dispensing, or endorsing medications used to suppress puberty or induce cross-sex characteristics. Our opposition is rooted not in prejudice or fear, but in our commitment to science-based medicine, Christian ethics, and the conviction that normal anatomy is not a disease requiring medical correction.

We affirm that refusing to provide or participate in gender-affirming care does not constitute abandonment or discrimination. Rather, we remain committed to compassionate engagement,

truthful communication, and holistic care that addresses physical, psychological, social, and spiritual needs without affirming harmful ideologies or interventions. We support the right of pharmacists and other healthcare professionals to practice in accordance with conscience and call for strong protections against coercion or retaliation for those who decline to participate in gender-affirming treatments.

Finally, we affirm our calling to love our neighbors as ourselves. This love includes welcoming individuals who struggle with gender identity questions, condemning hatred or violence, and offering care marked by grace and truth. Love does not require affirming every desire or belief, nor does it require participation in medical practices that we believe cause harm. We believe true compassion seeks the long-term good of the person and points toward healing that respects both the integrity of the body and the redemptive purposes of God.

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