Statement from the NC Pediatric Society
on Gender Affirming Care
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As the state chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the NC Pediatric Society continues to support taking a gender-affirming, nonjudgmental, culturally-sensitive approach that ensures all children and families feel safe and valued in a society that too often marginalizes or stigmatizes those seen as different. Developmentally appropriate gender-affirming care strengthens family resiliency and takes the emphasis off heightened concerns over gender while allowing children the freedom to focus on relationship-building, education, and other typical developmental milestones.

The NC Pediatric Society affirms our commitment to patient wellness and safety, and opposes policies or agendas that interfere with the provision of evidence-based health care for any patient. It is vital to preserve the relationship between physicians, patients and families. Physicians must be able to practice medicine informed by numerous years of rigorous medical education, training, clinical experience, and the available evidence, freely and without intimidation, punishment, reprisal, or threats of personal harm.