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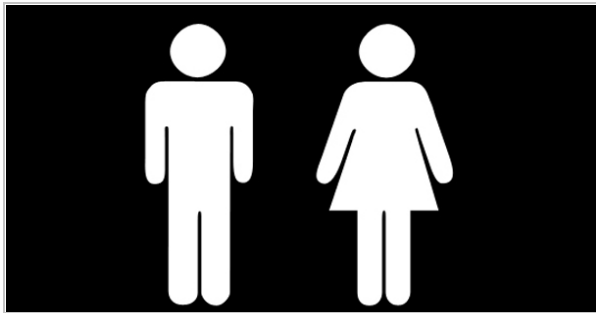
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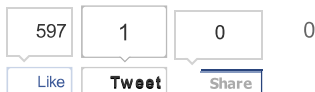
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Scientists examine rare condition that makes people appear as women with male genitals

A new study could better gender politics.



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It affects just one in 2000 people, but a team of researchers have developed guidelines for Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome (AIS).

University of Granada researchers have designed a guideline for physicians and patients on AIS, a rare disease that makes the individuals develop reverse sex — a subject that appears to look like a woman but has male genes.

According to researchers, a thorough study examined the most relevant clinical and epidemiological data of AIS in a review study recently published in the journal *Gynecological Endocrinology*. The guideline for patients includes the follow-up protocols to be applied from birth to adulthood, through childhood and adolescence. The guideline also includes additional information for patients.



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Speaking Tuesday, researchers say they hope the latest findings will assist patient sexual identity

"The first step is reinforcing the sexual identity of the subject with the help of psychologists. In cases of sexual ambiguity and determination of female gender, the second step is to perform a gonadectomy (removal of testicles), as they may become cancerous. Finally, it is necessary to administer hormone replacement therapy in case the subject is assigned the female sex. The prognosis of these patients is good if the testicles are timely removed," noted Manuel J. Pérez-Mendoza, a University of Granada professor who oversaw the study.

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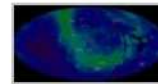


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