Sex Reassignment Surgery in Porto Alegre, Brazil

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Some comments and open questions

• Tension between medical/psychiatric understanding and sociocultural understanding of transsexuality

• The “right” diagnosis

• Need for care in an imperfect context

• The “transsexual patient” as a category, identity, or narrative created at the intersection of medicine and margins of gender identity

• Discrimination against transmen

• Questioning the gender binary?

• Activist politics from a group that often avoids self-identification

• The role of the judiciary in managing public health services for socially marginalized groups