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Stanford will do operations

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STANFORD (UPI) — Stanford University Medical Center will continue to perform sex-change operations despite a decision by Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore to abandon such surgery.

"Gender reassignment surgery is highly beneficial in carefully selected cases," said Stanford psychiatrist Dr. Norman Fisk, director of Stanford's Gender Dysphoria Clinic.

"Two years ago we reached almost all of our post-operative patients to do a followup," he said. "The consensus was that none had been harmed, not a single one expressed regret and most described a high improvement in their sexual functioning and subjective happiness."

Fisk's analysis contrasts

sharply with the decision at Johns Hopkins, which helped develop the procedure in 1966. Staff psychiatrist Dr. Jon Meyer concluded in a recent paper that the surgery has little benefit in long-term psychiatric treatment.