



## 36% of patients at Amsterdam gender clinic were lost to follow up.

In a study of all patients at a clinic treating 95% of all trans-identified people in the Netherlands [1], 36% of all patients were lost to follow up. This may make reported rates of regret or detransition highly unreliable [2]. Rates of “regret” in the study itself may be compromised by a definition of “true regret” marked by beginning hormone therapy reflecting the patient’s sex (e.g. testosterone therapy for detransitioning “trans women” or estrogen therapy for detransitioning “trans men.”) The study also notes that some of those experiencing “true regret” had thought that transition would be a “solution” for their homosexuality. Regret was expressed between 46 and 271 months after beginning cross-sex hormone treatment. This may suggest there is a long tail of such regret still to come, even from those who began treatment more than twenty years ago.

Table 4. Characteristics of people with regret

Case	Type	Year started HT	Age (y) at start of HT	Year of gonadectomy	Time after HT (mo)	Time after gonadectomy (mo)	Reversal surgery	Reason for regret
1	M-F-M	1978	31	1979	±153	±130	None	Social acceptance
2	M-F-M	1982	25	1984	±54	±27	Mastectomy	Social acceptance
3	M-F-M	1986	47	1988	±216	±197	Mastectomy	Social acceptance
4	M-F-M	1988	33	1990	±186	±167	None	True regret
5	M-F-M	1988	38	1990	±70	±44	Mastectomy	Social acceptance
6	M-F-M	1991	41	1993	±67	±49	Mastectomy, vaginectomy, phalloplasty	Social acceptance
7	M-F-M	1991	38	1995	±271	±225	Mastectomy	True regret
8	M-F-M	1993	30	1994	±79	±61	None	Feels non-binary
9	M-F-M	1996	33	1997	±90	±73	Mastectomy, phalloplasty	True regret
10	M-F-M	1997	43	1999	±46	±27	Mastectomy	True regret
11	M-F-M	2004	54	2007	±130	±92	Mastectomy, vaginectomy	True regret
12	F-M-F	1987	25	1990	±91	±50	Breast augmentation, remove testicular implants	True regret
13	F-M-F	1990	34	1993	±102	±74	Remove testicular implants	Feels non-binary
14	F-M-F	1993	31	1997	±258	±212	None	True regret

F-M-F = female to male to female; HT = hormonal treatment; M-F-M = male to female to male.

### REFERENCES

[1] Wiepjes CM, Nota NM, de Blok CJM, Klaver M, de Vries ALC, Wensing-Kruger SA, de Jongh RT, Bouman MB, Steensma TD, Cohen-Kettenis P, Gooren LJG, Kreukels BPC, den Heijer M. The Amsterdam Cohort of Gender Dysphoria Study (1972-2015): Trends in Prevalence, Treatment, and Regrets. *Journal of Sexual Medicine*. 2018 Apr;15(4):582-590. doi: 10.1016/j.jsxm.2018.01.016. Epub 2018 Feb 17. PMID: 29463477.

[2] <https://catalogofbias.org/biases/attrition-bias/>