- seems to have some role, but doesn’t play a role in development of gender identity
- socialization may just be a process were we reinforce behavior, but don’t actually change anything
  - most strong socialization occurs before 2 years of age
  - children understand what other children express in terms of gender better than adults

○ Sex Reassignment Surgery
- Medical Intervention (hormone therapy)
  - Surgery
    - 1-2 years in opposite sex role
    - demonstrate stability
    - Complete genital reassignment- 75% satisfied; 7% regret
    - psychologist must be involved in the process, working w/ individual
    - better adjustment for female-to-male transitions
- surgeries or hormone therapy w/o sex reassignment
  - surgeries range from minor to extensive
    - cosmetic surgeries of the face (to “pass” better)
    - want to feel confident that others will recognize them for the sex they are
- psychosocial treatment
  - increase adaptation/acceptance
  - involved throughout the process- therapists are the “gatekeepers”
  - ongoing treatment even after surgeries or hormones

○ Gender Non-conformity and Children
- Tolerate or treat?
- gender non-conformity is common in children
  - “tom-boy-er” for my girls
- DOES NOT PREDICT gender dysphoria, and it’s not related to sexual orientation
  - some evidence to suggest that socializing children into being a certain gender doesn’t work (John Money)
  - early gender nonconformity may be a child’s attempts to figure themselves out
    - less felt pressure tends to be assoc w/ better outcomes
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● Sexual Dysfunctions
○ Dysfunction in the sexual response cycle
  - desire
  - arousal
    - doesn’t last long enough for orgasm
    - difficulty
  - orgasm
    - premature (esp in young men)

○ Pain assoc w/ sex
  - psychological experience of pain in which there is no physiological evidence
  - psychological impairment which impairs engagement in healthy sexual activity
  - can be painful sexual intercourse accompanied by physiological changes

○ Most prevalent class of disorder in the US
  - hard to know which disorder is more prevalent than another
    - anyway, HIGH RATE of sexual dysfunction
  - men and women experience parallel versions
    - except in premature ejaculation and disorders specific to the female anatomy