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Lou Sullivan  
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Dear Lou,

I am planning on phoning you this evening, but I am sending along this information in the event I am not able to reach you.

I sent your letter, along with my response and a copy of the review I wrote, to Lin Fraser in the hope that she might have some ideas. She phoned me about 1:00 pm today.

Several years ago I looked around for a surgeon who would do a good breast reduction surgery for John Leiken. I found out about Michael Brownstein, M.D., who is also a board certified Plastic Surgeon. John went to him with outstanding results. He told all of his friends about Dr. Brownstein, and soon they were all flocking to him for breast reductions. I heard about it and contacted Lin, because some of the people he was operating on had not had any counseling, and I didn't feel they were ready for such important decisions. Both Lin and Paul Walker got in touch with him about the Standards of Care, and he was very cooperative after that. He simply wasn't aware of those standards.

Lin currently has a client who is female to male who went to Dr. Brownstein for breast reduction surgery and to have the hood over his clitoris removed. She said he is a very picky person, and that he is very pleased with the results. Whether or not he does phalloplasties, she did not know. I don't know whether you even want a phalloplasty or not, but I certainly would check into this doctor. Perhaps Lin could arrange to have the client get in touch with you if he is willing to do so. You could call her and see.

The doctors name is Michael Brownstein, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Street, San Francisco (415) 441-2777.

Lin called me right away because she was just as furious as I am that you would be denied surgery on the basis of your sexual preference. I don't see that it has any relevance to gender surgery. If I were you, I would avoid mentioning it in the future, and lie about it if necessary. Your sexual preference is nobody's business but your own. Ask Paul or Lin to use your clout if you have any more problems with surgeons.

I hope something come of this for you. Let me know what happens.

with warm regards,  
Kevin