

Bio

Maurice M. Garcia, MD, MAS

Dr. Garcia is Director of the Institute for Genitourinary and Gender Affirming Surgery (IGURGAS), in Los Angeles.

Dr. Garcia is also Professor of Urologic Surgery in the Department of Urology, at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, where he founded and serves as Director of the Cedars-Sinai Transgender Surgery and Health Program, Director of the Transgender Surgery & Sexual Medicine Fellowship, and Chief of Functional Urology Research at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. He provides clinical care exclusively at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles from his clinical practice in the Institute for Genitourinary Reconstructive and Gender-Affirming Surgery, located on the Cedars-Sinai campus (East Medical Tower).

Dr. Garcia specializes in Genitourinary Reconstructive Surgery, Neurourology, and Sexual Medicine- for both men and women.

Dr. Garcia completed medical school at Georgetown University School of Medicine, and completed his residency in Urology and Fellowship training in Andrology and Neurourology at University of California San Francisco (UCSF). He completed a 2-year Master's Degree in Clinical Research in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology also at UCSF. He then completed clinical fellowships in masculinizing and feminizing genital gender affirming surgery at University College London (London, UK) and in Brighton (UK). He returned to UCSF to resume a faculty position in the UCSF Department of Urology, and founded UCSF's first gender affirming genital surgery center.

Dr. Garcia is a member of World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) since 2012 and serves on WPATH Board, and Surgery and Ethics Committees. He is President of World Professional Association for Transgender Health and Surgery for Latin America and the Caribbean (LACPATH). He is co-author of the WPATH Standards of Care v8.0 (2024). He is past-Senior Editor for the American Urologic Association's Core Curriculum Committee for gender affirming surgery. He is a co-author of the International Consultation on Sexual Medicine (ISSM, 2024).

In his capacity as Director of the Cedars-Sinai Transgender Surgery and Health Program at Cedars-Sinai, he collaborates with cancer & gynecologic surgeons at Cedars-Sinai to provide reconstructive surgery after large cancer surgeries (e.g. penile and vaginal reconstruction after large pelvic surgeries).

Dr. Garcia offers surgical care for the following genital reconstruction and sexual medicine needs for men and women in an academic, research and education-focused setting.

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Reconstructive Surgeries:

1. Genital reconstructive surgery (e.g. after cancer treatment, trauma, and/or for congenital conditions) among men and women
2. Hypospadias surgery and urethral stricture surgery for adult men;

3. Genital reconstructive surgery to correct complications from failed “male genital enhancement” and “female genital enhancement” surgeries;
4. Correction of chronic pain and complications from “female circumcision” (i.e. ritual female genital mutilation)
5. Reconstructive surgery after significant infection (e.g. Fournier’s Gangrene)
6. Skin graft surgery to the genital area

Male & Female Sexual Medicine Surgeries:

1. Erectile dysfunction / penile prosthesis surgery
2. Peyronie’s Disease (i.e. correction of penile curvature);
3. Female and male anorgasmia
4. Male premature ejaculation

Neurourology and Pelvic Floor Medicine:

1. Bladder over activity / urinary urgency
2. Urinary incontinence (male and female)
3. Reduced bladder capacity (e.g. bladder augmentation)

Genital and Bladder Cancer:

1. Penile cancer
2. Vulvar cancer * (*managed with Gynecologist; provide genital reconstruction)
3. Bladder-preserving management of muscle-invasive bladder-cancer (Multi-modal therapy that includes endoscopic resection of a muscle-invasive bladder tumor, followed by combined chemotherapy and radiotherapy. Clinical work funded by an U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) Multi-center clinical trial)

General Urology:

1. (All)
2. Prostatic enlargement with obstructive urinary symptoms
3. Hydroceles / spermatoceles
4. Scrotal lymphedema
5. Bladder stones

Gender Affirming Surgery:

1. Masculinizing genital surgery
2. Feminizing genital surgery

Research focuses

Dr. Garcia’s Lab focuses on: patient decision-making, surgical education using cadaver-labs, medical device and software design, transgender surgery program-building, and bladder-preserving therapies for muscle-invasive bladder cancer.

Physician bedside-manner education using Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) is also an area of active ongoing research for Dr. Garcia.

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