

Patients' Experiences of Incomplete Sex-Reassignment Surgery and Psychosocial Functioning

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ABSTRACT The study investigated experiences of patients on sex reassignment surgery (SRS), who did not complete the surgical process. Some of these patients would never finish it. Two prominent reasons are lack of funds and loss of interest to continue the process. The study objective was to identify the experiences that led to obliterated interest in continuing with the process. Purposive sampling was used to select the respondents. The sample was generated through snowballing since these patients were not all known. Five participants assisted to pilot and correct the interview guide. Suitable prospective participants were fully informed of the study details, and participated under confidentiality and anonymity agreement. A total of 26 respondents participated in the main study. They indicated that SRS was surprisingly complex. SRS frustrated them and provided difficulties never experienced from their original genders. Few would complete the surgery if they could, but others regretted having started.