“DSD 101: Dealing with Reproductive Diversity”

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3550 Terrace Street in Oakland

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Arlene Baratz, MD is a physician and mother of a family affected by complete androgen insensitivity syndrome (CAIS), a variation of reproductive development. CAIS is one of the conditions also known as intersex, or disorders or differences of sex development (DSD). Dr. Baratz graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in 1984, and subsequently trained here in radiology. She and her daughter Katie Baratz, the first young person to speak openly about living with AIS, appeared on Oprah’s 2007 “Growing Up Intersex.” Her family is also featured in the 2011 BBC documentary “Me, My Sex, and I.”

A board member and medical and family adviser to the AIS-DSD Support Group and moderator of the AIS-DSD Parents Group, Dr. Baratz is also a contributor to the first website created specifically for families, www.DSDFamilies.org. Her work with Advocates for Informed Choice (www.AIClegal.org) focuses on human rights and legal issues. Dr. Baratz is a community advocate for both of the 2 currently-funded DSD research projects: she is a consultant for Short-term Outcomes of Intervention for Reproductive Dysfunction, and a member of the Advisory Advocacy Network for the DSD-TRN: Disorders of Sex Development- Translational Research Network.

She and Katie, now a chief psychiatry resident at the University of Pennsylvania, co-chair the Patient Perspectives/Peer Support Committee for a new global endeavor to update the treatment of people living with diverse reproductive development.