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Articulating Occupational Justice in Filipino Healthcare among the LGBT Individuals

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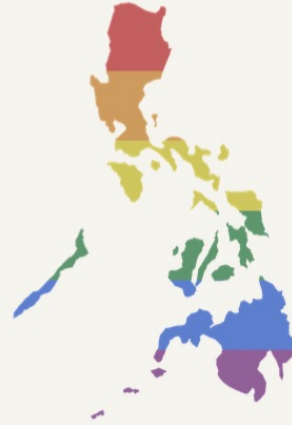
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In the Philippines, 73% say they 'accept' homosexuality—but most often, that *acceptance* often stops at the clinic door.

Occupational justice is a fundamental right to engage in meaningful life activities without fear—including access and engagement in healthcare.

Occupational Justice and the LGBT Community in Healthcare

Methods: Scoping Review, Tool Development, KAP Survey, and Photovoice Research

OJ in healthcare to promote health equity

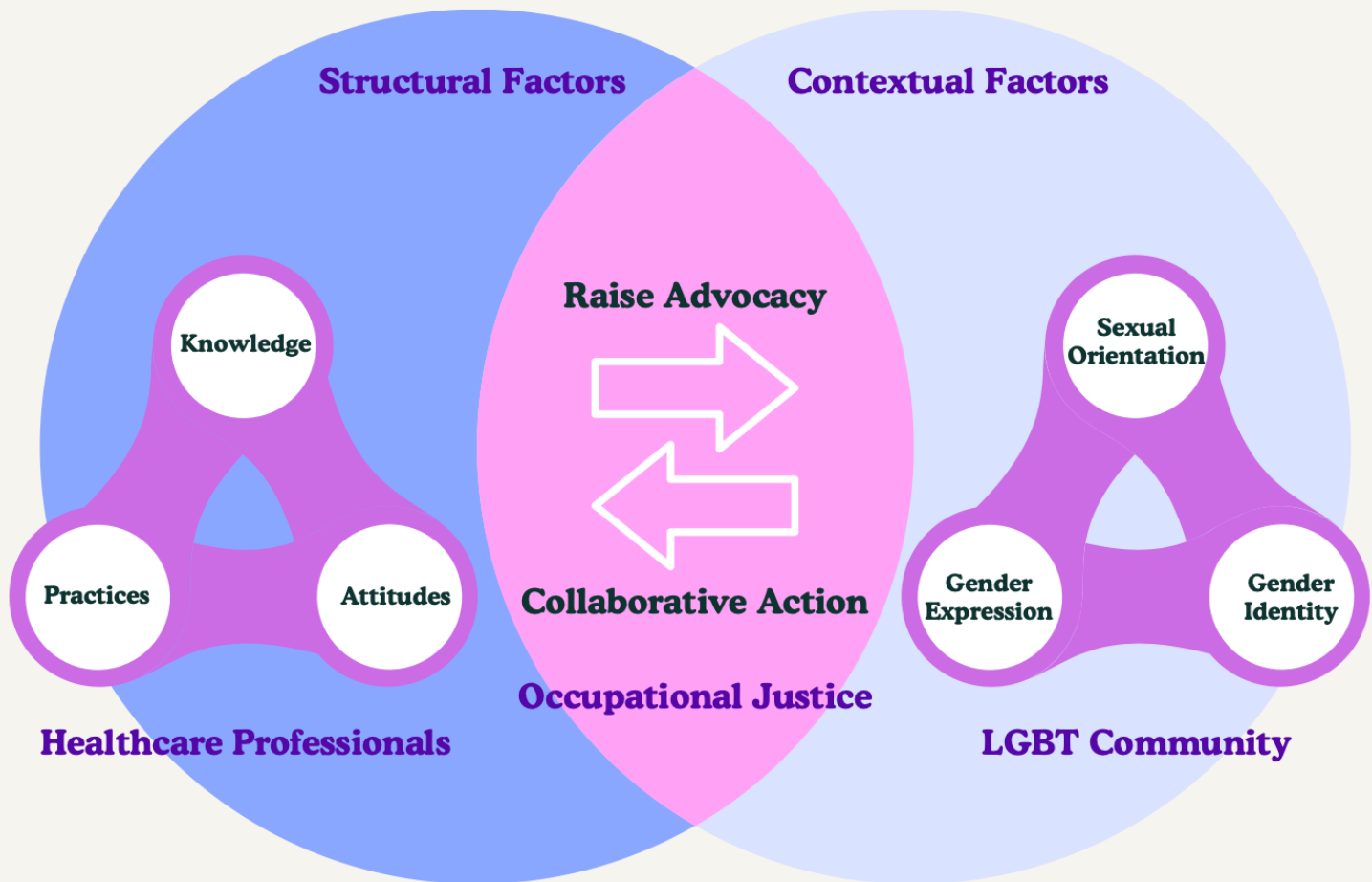
Accessing healthcare is a necessary occupation

Lack of knowledge of professionals

Positive attitudes and inclusive practices of professionals

Negative experiences of the LGBT community

Other experiences of the LGBT community



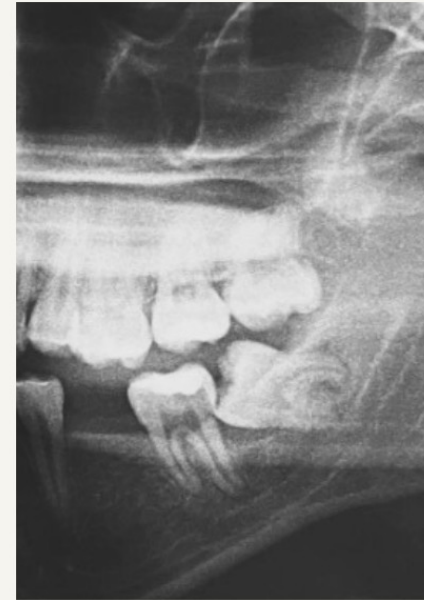
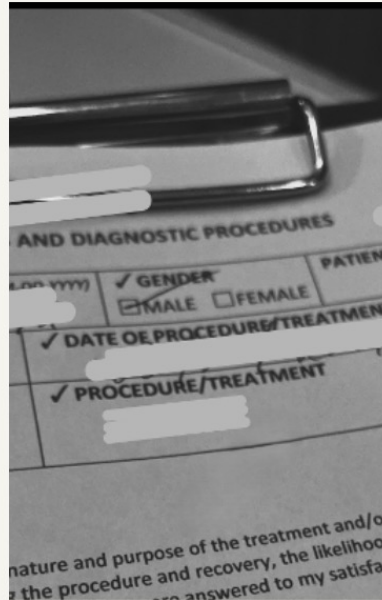
Occupational deprivation, alienation and marginalization

Call to Action

“Maganda ang bahaghari dahil ang kulay nito ay higit sa dalawa.”
[The rainbow is beautiful because it has more than two colors.]

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Inform occupational therapy programs, healthcare policies and systems



Understand LGBT community beyond medical perspective and personal and societal biases

Enable occupational justice through community-rooted approaches and solutions