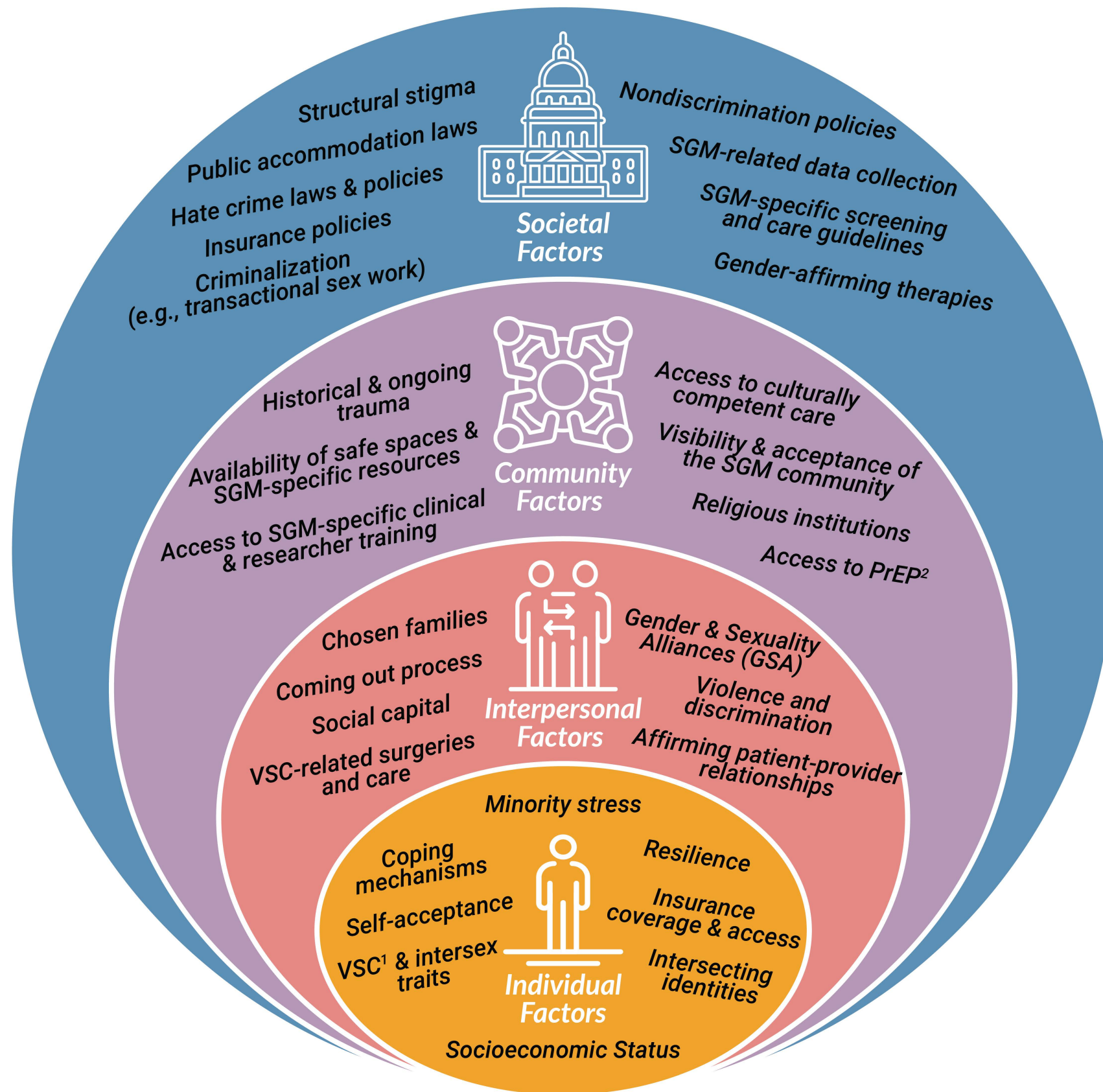


# Sexual & Gender Minority Health Disparities Research Framework

(Adapted from the NIMHD Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Framework)



The Sexual & Gender Minority Health Disparities Framework, an adaptation of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) [Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Framework](#), seeks to highlight the numerous unique influences, factors, behaviors, and issues that impact the health and well-being of SGM populations across the lifespan. An ecological model was utilized for this framework to provide a more holistic perspective of the factors that can affect SGM-specific health disparities; influences can transcend multiple levels.

It is important to note that the examples of factors provided within each domain is not meant to be exhaustive, but rather, illustrative. Arrangement and order of factors within each domain is random and does not signify prioritization or ranking by importance. Further, it is vital that this framework be interpreted using an intersectional approach, which understands that interlocking and interdependent systems of oppression or support across different social categories and identities, including racial and ethnic identity, ability, age, socioeconomic status, may result in unique health inequities.

<sup>1</sup>VSC: Variations in Sex Characteristics  
<sup>2</sup>PrEP: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis