

## LGBTQIA2S+ Community:

### What barriers come up for you around healthcare/providers?

- Unintentional microaggressions that are really damaging
- Being told they needed to share their “sex born at birth”
- Deadnaming LOUDLY in waiting rooms
- Lack of insurance / insurance coverage for gender affirming care even when insured
- No consistent standards for “LGBTQ+ friendly” or “affirming” providers.
- Not enough mental health providers available.
- Having to search by word-of-mouth for LGBTQ+ affirming providers.
- Once affirming providers are identified they have long waitlists due to high demand.
- Surgeon tried to convince me to get a breast reduction instead of top surgery.
- Sperm is really very expensive.
- Transphobia aggression/judgment when getting prescriptions at the pharmacy
- Always being asked if you're pregnant and forced pregnancy tests
- Being believed about pain level.