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Underlying Health Conditions and Lower Access to Care

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Lack of Insurance

- ▶ Health insurance cover part or whole of the medical expenses
- ▶ COVID-19 pandemic has not affected individuals equally
- ▶ The minority and vulnerable population are getting a challenge to access medical care (Lau et al., 2020)
- ▶ Most of them do not have health insurance except those having employer insurance
- ▶ COVID-19 has resulted in economic downturn and movement restriction affecting employment rate

Distrust in the Healthcare System and Language Barrier

- ▶ COVID-19 got the Filipino healthcare system abruptly and without preparation
- ▶ The healthcare system unsuccessfully dealt with the pandemic as many cases were recorded (Quintos, 2020)
- ▶ Shortage of resources and systematic failures led to mistrust of the healthcare system
- ▶ Health disparity and inequity was presented due to language and cultural barriers
- ▶ The migrant population had inadequate access to health information hence depended on social media (Lau et al., 2020)

Serious Medical Conditions and Stigma and Systematic Inequalities

- ▶ The vulnerable population has increased risk of contracting COVID-19
- ▶ These groups have a high rate of comorbid chronic conditions that makes them have a high consequence when contracting the virus
- ▶ Movement restriction resulted in stress and depression on individuals
- ▶ Providers work in an emotionally difficult situation resulting in stigmatization and uncertainty (Ramaci et al., 2020)
- ▶ Healthcare providers should take care of patients and their families

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