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Africans and other minority groups have long faced health disparities which have since destroyed the reputation of healthcare systems across the world. these minority groups gave proved susceptible to diseases and premature deaths which shows healthcare disparity. for example, from data, black people alone have a higher level of chronic diseases such as cancer, hypertension, diabetes, and CVD among others. Other biased policies are the healthcare insurance covers. While this injustice is continued to minority groups, these groups most of them come from low socioeconomic status hence it is important for every healthcare system needs to make policies that can help them improve insurance coverage and basic access to healthcare (Abbott, 2015). Therefore, there is a need for both nurses and caregivers to continue providing culturally competent care such as to discourage and greatly

minimize the persistent healthcare disparity facing minority groups within the healthcare systems. This paper, therefore, discusses strategies that can encourage culturally competent care for African Americans.

While these health disparities reduce the trust and reputation of health facilities, it is important to come up with facilities that can reduce or minimize this health disparity. the first strategy is that nurses need to recognize diversity and the aspects of culture. Therefore, the healthcare staff needs to be culturally aware and not judge based on biases, prejudice, and attitudes toward individuals from diverse ethnic backgrounds (Abbott, 2015). As such, nurses and caregivers must understand these cultures and not stereotype especially African American population. It is without a doubt that racism affects care delivery in healthcare systems which has affected healthcare systems. therefore, developing awareness of one's existence, environment, sensations, and thoughts without undue influence will increase acceptance, respect for cultural differences, and adapting care within the client's culture.

It is also important for healthcare facilities and staff not to make assumptions about cultures they are not familiar with. this will lead to a total breakdown of trust and rapport between nurses and their patients while reducing treatment and the most basic virtue; acceptance. Therefore, if nurses and caregivers are unsure about clients' cultures, it is important that they simply ask and learn. Most minority groups have diverse cultures which can be great if the entirety of the healthcare system listens and learn the various cultures and how to fully maximize treatment in line with these cultures (Abbott, 2015). It is also important when asking about this culture, the body language communicates openness such that the clients do not mistake the intent. While nurses' and caregivers' primary responsibility is to offer care and improve the quality of patients, it is also a responsibility for them to learn from what they are being told by these nurses. This can be done objectively and subjectively.

Through this, we can learn about other cultures as a strategy to encourage culturally competent care for African Americans.

Nurses and caregivers build trust with their clients regardless of their cultures. Treating minority groups with the highest level of trust will make African Americans for instance to be more open about their cultures. Additionally, while building trust and rapport, nurses should be able to overcome language barriers by facilitating translators or exploring translation technology (Lee et al., 2014). All of these can be used to educate African American patients about medical practices such that their medical conditions improve. Lastly, all these can be achieved when nurses and caregivers practice active listening.

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