Racial, Ethnic, and Primary Language Data Collections in the Health Care Setting Edited by Thomas P. Perez 2001 Commonwealth Fund Published by the Commonwealth Fund in cooperation with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Kaiser Family FoundationThe report by the Commonwealth Fund found racial and ethnic minority populations have poor access to medical care when compared to Whites. Much of the research regarding minority access to medical care notes the difficulty in obtaining effective care for minority populations that are hard to characterize. The report examined data on the relationship between race and other factors such as education, income, and language use. The authors found that there is a significant association between race and other factors. The findings have tremendous implications for health care policy and practice.

The Role of Perceived Discrimination and Perceived Cultural Competence in Predicting Use of Preventive Health Services Among Hispanics  0.75-0.80, for Native Americans = 0.74, 95% CI = 0.70-0.78, and Hispanics = 0.59, 95% CI = 0.58-0.60. With these analyses with 95% confidence intervals (CI) to examine the risk estimates (odds ratios/ORs) and assess the effect of perceived discrimination and perceived cultural competence on the likelihood of preventive service use, adjusted for the covariates described in the methods section. The results indicate that perceived discrimination and perceived cultural competence are significantly associated with preventive service use, with a stronger association for Hispanics than for White patients. The findings suggest that researchers and health care providers should be aware of the importance of perceived discrimination and perceived cultural competence in predicting preventive service use among Hispanic patients.

Cultural Competence in Health Care Alan Harwood 1981 Ethnicity and Medical Care equips health professionals with the knowledge they need to deliver care that respects the cultural, language, and socioeconomic characteristics of their patients. The book explores the development of cultural competence as a concept, and discusses the ways in which cultural competence can be integrated into health care delivery systems. The authors present strategies for improving cultural competence in health care, including the development of culturally competent training programs and the implementation of cultural competence guidelines and policies.

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