The Need for Cultural Competence in Sustainable Healthcare
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Abstract:

The United States provides a prime example of an unsustainable healthcare system. Among the developed nations, the U.S. spends the most per person for healthcare related expenses but is one of the lowest ranked countries for health of the population. This paper details one main cause of the system’s unsustainability, excessive spending waste. This paper explains how cultural competency addresses some of these various forms of excessive spending waste. It concludes noting that although cultural competency helps solve this problem, other approaches are needed as well to address the multifaceted nature of excessive spending waste.