The pandemic crisis is exacerbating pre-existing racial disparities in ambulatory care sensitive conditions, which may have contributed to more severe cases of and higher death rates due to COVID-19.
and potentially increase the severity of COVID-19 outcomes because of the link between underlying ACSCs and COVID-19 outcomes.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

One disease should not define the entire health system. Access to care for conditions other than COVID-19-like illness need not be lost. In fact, based on the evidence showing the link between chronic disease and COVID-19 outcomes it may be prudent to improve access to care systems for those with chronic disease. Additionally, the COVID-19 pandemic highlights the need for culturally competent health promotion and disease prevention programmes for non-communicable diseases.

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