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In healthcare, children represents a special population because they need broader range of healthcare services. Special health care needs to cover broader aspects of chronic health conditions and disabilities in children (NDN, 2018). Children are undergoing developmental stage so they are more vulnerable to environmental risks. Their immune system is also weaker that depicts the need for special healthcare compared to adults.

Certain characteristics of children make them more vulnerable that include environmental risks and preventable diseases. This is due to the fact that adults are more aware of the environmental risks and capable of taking preventable measures. Children are unaware of such risk factors and need more care and guidance (AJMC, 2010). Children belonging to minority populations or poor families face high risks of preventable diseases such as HIV, cholera, polio, measles and smallpox. This is due to the inability of their parents to adopt adequate care procedures or to invest in healthcare.

I think that the healthcare system is not doing enough to address such concerns because a large population is still facing risks of cholera, smallpox, measles or hepatitis. This reflects the need for making health a priority for children by paying special attention. Healthcare systems can play better role by providing guidance to the parents about physical and mental health of children. A large population of children in America is still vulnerable to diseases due to lack of access to safe drinking water and proper hygiene (McGill, 2016). The number of children suffering from asthma and diabetes type II is also rising constantly in America. This indicates inadequate measures taken by the healthcare system for addressing concerns of the children. Healthcare system can play a better role by providing awareness on hygiene and offering free vaccinations to children.

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