Access to high quality and culturally-appropriate services is often limited for individuals from ethnic minority groups. Obstacles to accessing mental and physical health care contribute to and exacerbate existing health disparities and present a formidable challenge for our healthcare system with critical implications for the future health of the nation. Despite considerable attention to this topic in recent years, disparities in access remain stubbornly persistent and innovative ideas are needed to improve access and reduce disparities. Changes in technology (e.g., telehealth, mobile health applications) and in health care law (e.g., Affordable Care Act) hold considerable promise to address issues of access, but there remains great uncertainty as to how these changes will affect the landscape of future health care, especially for traditionally underserved populations. Within this broader context, the goal of this conversation series session is to discuss potential strategies for improving access to impactful and high quality services for ethnic minority groups that currently experience disparities in health access and outcomes.

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