

## Effects of Covid-19 in Healthcare

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### Introduction

Pandemic is a disease which affects a whole nation and even the world. Our World had faced many pandemics in the past. But, the Covid-19 had changed the whole definition of pandemic. Human race had never witnessed such a massive and worldwide blow of a pandemic. The whole structural pattern of a society had gone topsy-turvy. The sector which has been directly influenced by this pandemic is obviously the Healthcare. Corona virus world status: Global caseload: 21,637,044 cases United States being the most affected country Indian caseload: 2,594,612 Cases and the cases are increasing every second.

### Impact of Covid-19 on healthcare

Healthcare has a direct relation with the pandemic and so its impact is intense in this sector both ways. Positive and negative. Staff quarantines. Healthcare workers directly handle the infected in these workers is higher too. As such, they have to be kept in quarantine masses and so the rate of infections which decreases the active workforce. Supply chain failure. Supply of healthcare and medical utilities is adversely affected by the lockdown imposed due to COVID-19. It is seen that there is a huge reduction in customer demands of healthcare utilities. The fear of catching the infection outside home had taken. Sadly enough, a new class of 'untouchables' has suddenly emerged in our society. The class of COVID-19 patients and the healthcare workers along with their respective families. Though, the current situation is grim but there is a Silver Lining tagged to it too, in terms of future of our healthcare. Some future positivity's are:

- Telemedicine sector is surely going to boom in near future. In fact, the process has already been started.
- The future will be of Teleconsultations.
- The health care workers should be well-trained and well-equipped to consult patients via tele networks.
- The need of the hour is better preparedness, well-equipped facilities, and well-trained staff in the healthcare sector for future pandemics. The steps surely will be taken.
- COVID-19 has broken the age-old myth of associating most of the communicable illnesses with the slum-dwellers and poor sections of the society. Now, the rich are pandemic-prone too.
- Coronavirus Pandemic has paved the way of inculcating extensive Healthcare education with Pandemic Etiquettes and Pandemic Manners as subject's right from the school level.
- A bit ignored 'Communicable Diseases' are now attracting equal attention as the 'Lifestyle Diseases'.

### Conclusion

No pandemic had ever taken a toll of the mental health of the Healthcare Workers as this pandemic. Healthcare sector will have to take care of the psychological aspects of these workers for future pandemics. COVID-19 has already brought about drastic changes in our way of living and there is a shift in our thought structure too. So, it surely will bring a brand new era in the history of our Healthcare sector.

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