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## Even During COVID-19, Do Not Delay Seeking Medical Care

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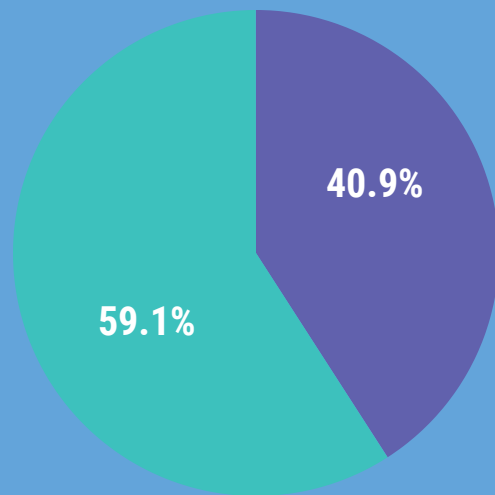
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Medical care delay or avoidance **increases morbidity and mortality risk** associated with treatable/preventable health conditions and might contribute to **excess deaths**



● Avoided care  
● Did not avoid care

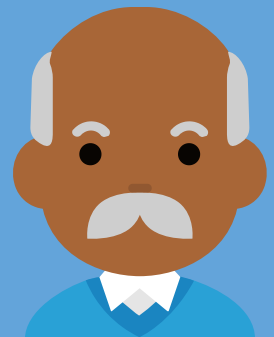
An estimated **40.9%** of U.S. adults have avoided emergency and/or routine medical care during the pandemic due to concerns about contracting COVID-19



**50%** of **excess deaths** in 14 U.S. states were due to **underlying causes** other than COVID-19

**34%** decrease in **hospital admission rate** for all conditions during the pandemic

Increased **avoidance** of emergency care among **Black and Hispanic adults** compared with White adults is especially concerning given **increased COVID-19-associated mortality** among Black and Hispanic adults



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