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Content	Background: Unhealthinsured Elderly people receive less medical care and less timely care. Even Medical education and resident training provide inadequate instruction in geriatrics and care of the older patient, they have worse health outcomes, and lack of insurance is a fiscal burden for them and their families. Since age progresses, various medical issues happen, so elderly patients need more mental and physical care. Objectives: The study aims to assess the contribution of health insurance in health care disparities for the elderly and asses the knowledge and attitudes of Gezira students towards health care disparities for the elderly and asses the students' knowledge about health insurance coverage benefits. Methods: a cross-sectional study has been conducted in the University of Gezira, El Razi campus, during one month, 100 students have been involved in the study. Study units selected randomly, data collected through structured questionnaire included open and close-ended questions. Data: Collectors were pharmacy students. Results: 86% showed good knowledge regarding the basic health rights of elderly patients, 18% think that the elderly have very bad health services when compared with other ages. 65% said that the national health insurance program is of a great benefit for elderly patients, but 87% answered "no" when asked if these provided services are satisfactory for these patients to reach suitable recommendations to cover these disparities. Conclusion: health insurance helped in reducing disparities of elderly patients, but still more work should be done to satisfy needed healthcare services.