1.5: Vulnerable Populations

Instructions: This is an individual assignment; submit to the designated area in Blackboard. Remember you must log on this date in order to get credit for attendance.

Part 1. Research and describe:

1. What does the term vulnerable population mean?
2. What is the relationship of social and economic factors on health and well-being in infants and children? People living with HIV and AIDS? The Elderly? Pregnant women?
3. What are two area codes in Brooklyn that reflect the greatest health disparities? (You can choose the disparity you would look for -5 extra points)

Part 2. Case scenario:

During an interview as a triage nurse in an urgent care clinic or emergency room, (choose one) a child, a teen, a young adult, presenting with vague abdominal pain and fearful demeanor. They are accompanied by a person who is with them claiming to be a relative.

1. Describe two areas for each of these patients you would inquire about
2. Who would you want to question?
3. What are the areas that you would consistently want to conduct a physical assessment and obtain a health history?
4. What are the top two causes of illness and death in children, teens, young adults, pregnant women or the elderly? (respond using the group you chose)
Part 3. Reflect on:

1. What is your perspective on aging?
2. What is your perspective of caring for vulnerable populations?
3. How has that perspective changed over time?
4. What are the areas that you would consistently want to conduct a physical assessment and obtain a health history?
5. How and why would you address the fearful demeanor and the questionable relationship of the accompanying adult?

You may use online resources to obtain necessary information. Please be sure to cite any references used in your response and include those references.

*Remember you may use this assignment to become familiar with issues that may impact your population chosen for your poster.*