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## **Propositions accompanying the dissertation**

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1. Distance to the health facility seems the most important attribute in influencing patients' choice of public health facilities (this dissertation).
2. The healthcare providers involved in primary care (doctors as opposed to nurses) remain an important factor in accessing health care (this dissertation).
3. Eliciting patients' preferences using nominal group techniques and discrete choice experiments could provide useful information for enhancing information quality and quantity for decision-making in parallel with patient experience surveys (this dissertation).
4. Despite not being charged for user fees, some patients (especially employed ones) are willing to pay for services offered at the primary health care (PHC) if it equates to better service provision (this dissertation).
5. With respect to HIV testing, confidentiality remains the most important factor influencing the choice of facility for an HIV test (this dissertation).
6. It is better to lose health like a spendthrift than to waste it like a miser. (Robert Louis Stevenson)
7. When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, something is lost; when the character is lost, all is lost. (Billy Graham)
8. He who has health has hope, and he who has hope has everything. (Thomas Carlyle)
9. Income and wealth are linked to health and longevity. (Steven H. Woolf, Laudan Aron, Lisa Dubay, Sarah M. Simon, Emily Zimmerman and Kim X. Luk)