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| **Exercise 2.5.2 Paraphrasing and Synthesizing Feedback** |

The paragraph below reflects a series of paraphrased statements and synthesis of the ideas provided in the quotations from Exercise 2.5.2. Notice how I have used my own words to pull this content together and have synthesized and integrated the ideas from these various sources. Notice how I have provided my own conclusion (summary) in the final sentence.

There is an emergent recognition of the importance of social determinants of health. Socioeconomic status, access to social and educational opportunities, services, and resources, and cultural oppression based on nondominant positioning within society all contribute to the disprivileging of some groups over others. Aboriginal peoples, for example, may strive to better their lives and advance their well-being, but they are often blocked by these external, systemic factors. It is important for health care practitioners to attend to these systemic influences (both positive and negative) in assessing the nature of their patient’s presenting concern and in determining how to approach health care intervention(s). Applying a social determinants of health lens both facilitates effective health care and avoids blaming the patient for problems that originate from broader social, economic, or political levels.