

Latinos More Likely to Seek Early Treatment for Lung Cancer

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Preliminary data from a new study shows racial disparities in the treatment of non-small cell lung cancer in the United States, HealthDay reports. Researchers from the Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska, looked at data on more than 1.2 million patients from a national cancer database between 2000 and 2010. They found that Latinos were more likely to undergo surgery for stage 1 and stage 2 lung cancer than white or black patients. According to the findings, 82 percent of Latinos with stage 1 disease underwent surgery, compared with 78 percent of whites and 73 percent of blacks. For patients with stage 2 lung cancer seeking surgical treatment, Latinos also represented the highest number at 67 percent, compared with 64 percent of whites and 56 percent of blacks.

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