

Accuracy of skin cancer diagnosis by physician assistants compared with dermatologists in a large health care system.

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[Diagnostic errors](#) among [advanced practice providers](#) are understudied, especially in subspecialty settings. In this study, physician assistants working in dermatology clinics performed more biopsies and diagnosed fewer skin cancers and melanoma than board-certified dermatologists. The authors were unable to assess how often either clinician type missed diagnoses of skin cancer.