

The effect of race and sex on physicians' recommendations for cardiac catheterization.

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Gender, [racial](#), and ethnic disparities in healthcare can affect [patient safety](#) and lead to [poor outcomes](#). This study used actors portraying patients to explore the impact of race and sex on physicians' decision-making about use of cardiac catheterization for chest pain. Analyses indicate that women and Black patients with chest pain were less likely to be referred for cardiac catheterization compared to white men.