

Racial disparities in pain management of children with appendicitis in emergency departments.

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Racial and ethnic disparities result in [biases](#) that can affect patient outcomes and [safety](#). Using data from the National Hospital Ambulatory Medicare Care Survey from 2003 to 2010, researchers identified racial differences in pain management among [pediatric patients](#) with appendicitis. Compared to white patients, Black patients were less likely to receive pain medication for moderate pain and less likely to receive opioids for severe pain.