

Rates of surgical consultations after emergency department admission in Black and White Medicare patients.

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Missed steps in the diagnostic process, such as timely referral for surgical [consultation](#), can lead to [missed or delayed](#) diagnoses. This large, retrospective cohort study using Medicare data identified [disparities](#) between Black and White patients in receipt of consults for emergency surgery. Findings show that Black patients had lower odds of receiving a surgical consultation after being admitted from the emergency department; these disparities remained after adjusting for medical comorbidities, socioeconomic factors, and individual hospital-level effects.