

Oncologist perceptions of racial disparity, racial anxiety, and unconscious bias in clinical interactions, treatment, and outcomes.

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Racism and [implicit bias](#) can result in poorer health outcomes for patients of color. This study examined racial disparity, racial anxiety, and physician unconscious bias and adverse influence on [outcomes](#) of non-white oncology patients. Nearly two-thirds of oncologists perceived moderate to very high levels of racial [disparities](#), and a similar proportion rarely or never perceived unconscious bias having a negative influence on patient outcomes.