

Bladder cancer outcomes: Race disparities fade in VA

Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) database

122,449 patients (representative of U.S. population)
 93.7% White, 6.3% African American



Veterans Health Administration patient database

36,322 patients
 91% White, 9% African American



African American vs. White patients	Death from bladder cancer
	22% higher risk
	Death from any cause
	26% higher risk

African American vs. White patients	Death from bladder cancer
	3% lower risk
	Death from any cause
	1% lower risk

“Conclusion: In this study of **contrasting healthcare models**, receiving medical care in an **equal-access system** . . . **eliminated disparities in survival** outcomes for **African American** patients with **bladder cancer**.”

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