

# Whites have longest survival in cutaneous melanoma

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(HealthDay)—For patients with cutaneous melanoma, whites have the

longest survival time, according to a study published in the November issue of the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*.

Sean M. Dawes, M.P.H., from the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in East Lansing, and colleagues examined survival across [racial groups](#) in patients with [malignant melanoma](#). Data were included from the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results database for 96,953 patients with a diagnosis of cutaneous melanoma as their primary cancer from 1992 to 2009.

The researchers found that white patients had the longest survival time, followed by Hispanic, Asian-American/Native-American/Pacific-Islander, and black patients. After stratification by race and stage, blacks had significantly lower survival for stages I and III (P

"Despite higher incidence of cutaneous melanoma in whites, overall survival for cutaneous melanoma in non-whites was significantly lower," the authors write. "Our results suggest that more emphasis is needed for melanoma screening and awareness in non-white populations to improve survival outcome."

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