

# Team finds neighborhood-level disparities in patients receiving complex cancer surgery

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A recently published study published in the *Annals of Surgery* found disparities in the number of surgeries performed for patients with complex gastrointestinal (GI) cancers.

Studying data from the Ohio Cancer Incidence Surveillance System, the researchers found that low-surgery clusters were mostly in urban cores and the Appalachian region, whereas high-surgery clusters were found in [suburbs](#). In addition, low-surgery clusters differed from high-surgery clusters with higher rates of poverty (23 percent vs. 12 percent), fewer married [households](#) (40 percent vs. 50 percent), and more tobacco use (25 percent vs. 19 percent; all P

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