

# Disparities remain in prevalence of cancer screening tests

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"Understanding use of cancer screening tests among different population subgroups is vital for planning public health interventions with potential to increase [screening](#) uptake and reduce disparities in cancer morbidity and mortality," the authors write.

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(HealthDay)—There are persistent disparities in recommended cancer screening tests among U.S. adults, particularly among the uninsured, according to a study published online July 26 in the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's *Preventing Chronic Disease*.

Ingrid J. Hall, Ph.D., M.P.H., from the CDC in Atlanta, and colleagues used 2000 to 2015 data from the National Health Interview Survey to examine trends in the prevalence of [cancer screening](#) that adhered to U.S. Preventive Services Task Force screening recommendations.

The researchers found that over the study period, [colorectal cancer screening](#) was the only test that increased. There were disparities in the prevalence of test use among subgroups for all tests examined. No contact with a doctor in the past year, no usual source of health care, and no insurance coverage were associated with reduced use of screening tests.

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