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Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Access to Emerging and Frontline Therapies in Common Dermatological Conditions

A cross-sectional study investigating race- and ethnicity-related disparities in the treatment of acne, atopic dermatitis, and psoriasis with newly approved and existing therapies.

Methods

Patient medical record data was collected between 2013-2018. The odds ratio of patients who had been prescribed treatments per racial and ethnic group were calculated using a 95% confidence interval after applying Bonferroni correction to account for multiple comparisons.

Acne

Black patients had lower odds of receiving isotretinoin (0.26) than white patients.

Atopic Dermatitis

Black patients had lower odds of receiving dupilumab (0.42) than white patients.

Psoriasis

Black patients had lower odds of receiving cyclosporine (0.54) and etanercept (0.65) than white patients.

This study demonstrates a racial and ethnic disparity in accessing newly approved and standard of care medical therapies for acne, atopic dermatitis, and psoriasis.