

Treatment differences and consequences

Brief Synopsis:

Despite the decrease in breast cancer mortality rates seen in recent years, the magnitude of that decrease is not similar across populations. Potential contributing factors associated with this phenomenon include certain groups of patients are more likely to be diagnosed with more advanced stages and to have tumors with aggressive biology. In addition, sociodemographic factors and difficulty accessing medical care are likely to play an important role. In this presentation we will review data regarding groups of patients that seem to be less likely receive appropriate and timely breast cancer treatment and the detrimental impact that treatment delays can have among minorities.