

Colorectal Cancer in the Hispanic Community

Fact Sheet

Colon cancer is a *preventable, treatable and beatable* disease, *but only with proper screening*. It is known as a silent killer because symptoms only show up in the later stages when the cancer has already spread.

Unfortunately, Hispanics in California trail behind the general population in screening rates. A few key facts¹:

- Colon cancer has declined over the past 17 years with all populations except Hispanics. The rate of colon cancer among Hispanics remains steady.
- While 48 percent of Californians over age 50 have had a colonoscopy over the past five years (the most well-known form of screening), only 35 percent of Hispanics have.
- Another common test is the fecal occult blood test. While 33 percent of Californians over age 50 have done this, only 15 percent of Hispanics have.

Hispanics: Most Common Cancers²

MEN	WOMEN
Prostate	Breast
Colorectal	Colorectal
Lung	Lung

Hispanics: Most Common Cause of Cancer Death²

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Lung	Breast
Prostate	Lung
Colorectal	Colorectal

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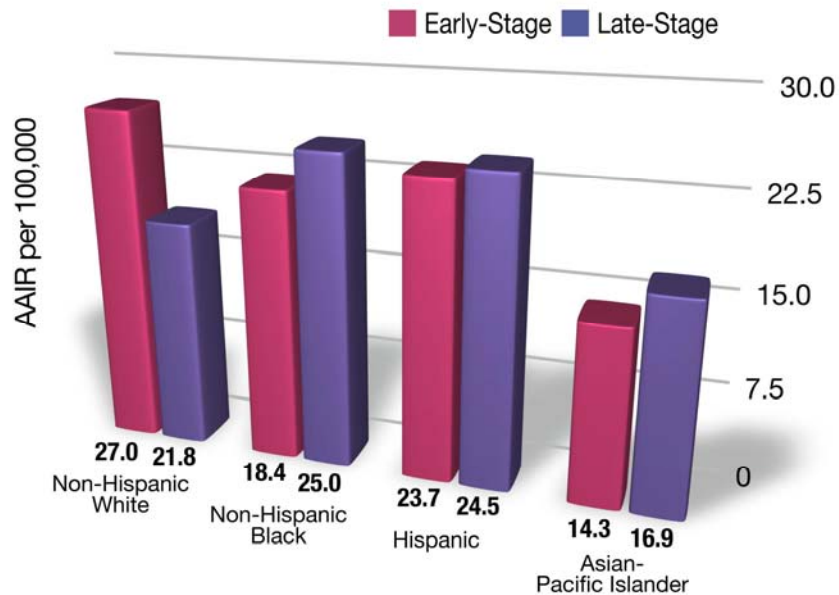
¹ Source: California 2008 Cancer Facts & Figures

² Source: CA A Cancer Journal for Clinicians

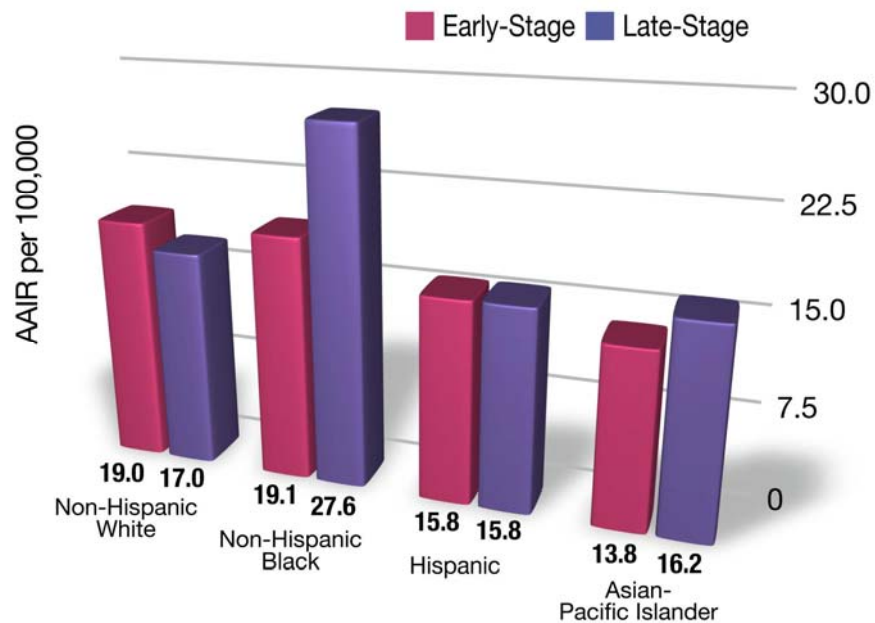
Hispanics: Late-Stage Diagnosis

Hispanics are one of the ethnic groups more often diagnosed at a late stage.³

Male African-Americans, Hispanic and Asian-Pacific Islanders are more often diagnosed at a late stage



Female African-Americans, Hispanic and Asian-Pacific Islanders are more often diagnosed at a late stage



³Data and analysis provided by Monica Brown, Ph.D., epidemiologist with the California Cancer Registry. Data is for Sacramento area, which is reflective of the overall population of California. Stage at Diagnosis of Colorectal Cancer Cases by Sex and Race, 2001-2005-Sacramento Region.

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