

Predictors of Cervical Cancer Screening Among Urban African Americans and Latinas

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Objectives: To assess predictors of cervical cancer screening among African American and Latina women, a needs assessment survey was conducted, exploring screening behavior, knowledge, and access to health care. **Methods:** Participants (N=248) were recruited at community health fairs, tenants' association meetings, senior centers, and community health clinics to complete a questionnaire. The findings from 194 African

American and Latina women are reported. **Results:** Neither insurance nor physician referral for screening played a role in obtaining cervical cancer screening. Spoken language was influential. **Conclusion:** The findings can now inform interventions to increase screening in this population.

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