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Abstract

Our research topic is about melanoma which is a type of skin cancer. People should tell their doctor if they notice any changes on the skin.

Introduction

The problem is the disparity of melanoma. White people get the condition more often, but black people die from it more often. Why is this true? We think it might have to do with financial problems in black communities. Furthermore, there is less African American representation in medicine, and people usually feel most comfortable seeing a doctor of the same race. Since there are fewer black doctors, there are fewer opportunities for black people to go to the doctor and feel comfortable. Lastly, many African American communities are under-resourced in regards to cancer treatments and healthcare in general.

Background Info /Symptoms

- A change in an existing mole
- The development of a new pigmented or unusual-looking growth on your skin

Discoveries and Innovations

According to American Cancer Society, "Early sun exposure may damage the DNA (genes) in skin cells called melanocytes, which starts them on a path to becoming melanoma cells many years later. So when kids 3-17 gets sun burns or they are exposed to UV sun rays it is most likely for them to end up getting Melanoma. Doctors also think that it explains why melanoma occurs in the thighs, the trunk(abdominal segment), and in spots that are not exposed to sunlight. Another discovery they think they found is chronic sun exposure. Chronic sun exposure is a type of exposure that may be the cause of many melanomas that occur on the arms, neck, and face.

According to Health Europa," a research group created a blood test capable of detecting melanoma. He stated that "These preliminary findings are the first

Addressing the Disparity

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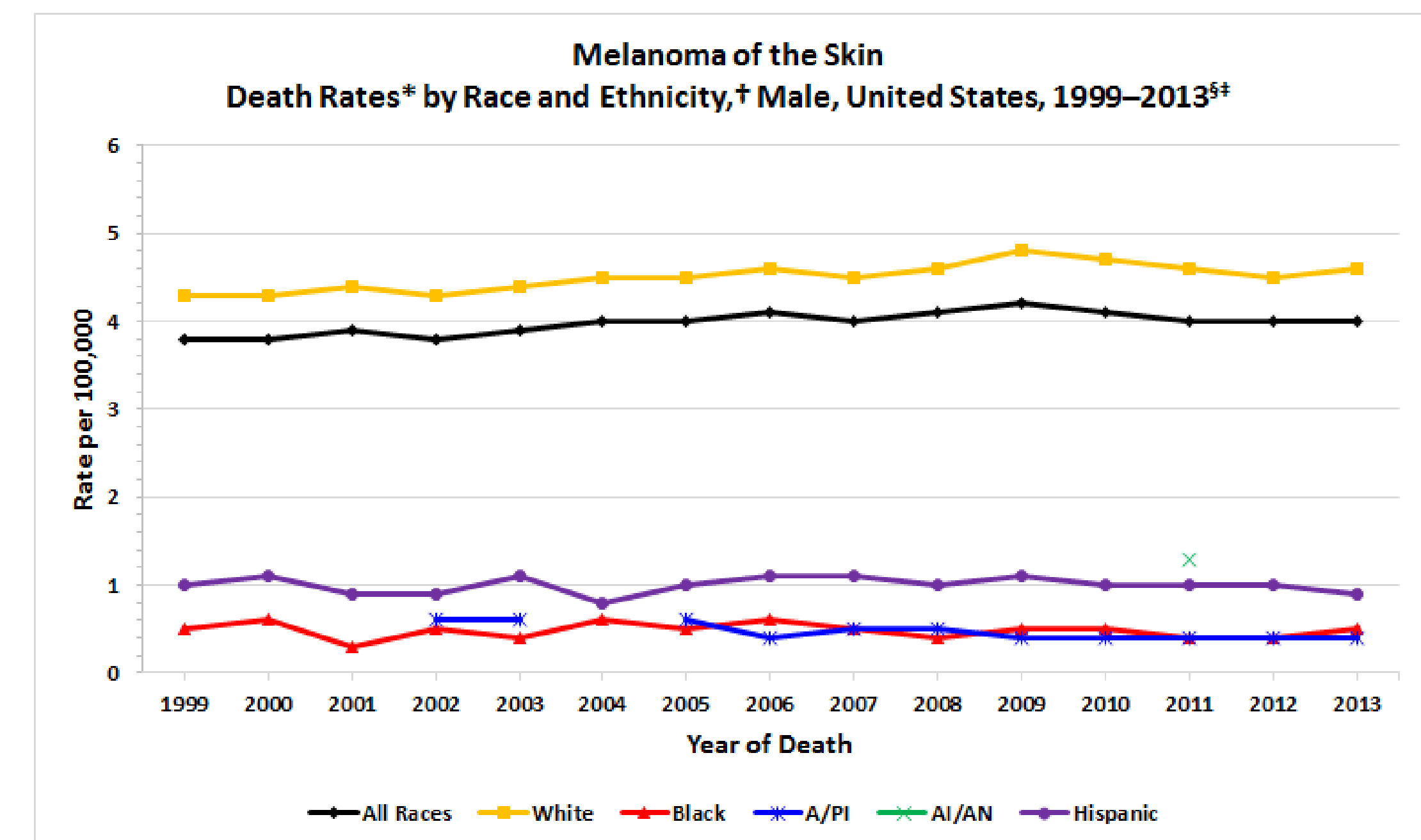


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Conclusion

Our research topic is about melanoma which is a type of skin cancer. Also, melanoma can start in the eye, the intestines, and other areas of the body