Graduate Scholarship in Cancer Nursing Practice

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Abstract:

Cervical cancer mortality disproportionately affects certain portions of the population, such as the Latina community. According to the National Cancer Institute, from 2009-2013, the incidence rate among Hispanics in the United States for cervical cancer was 9.4 per 100,000 compared to 7.5 for Whites and 8.9 for Blacks. Because a genetic basis for this disparity has not been found, increased mortality in Hispanics is believed to be dependent upon disparate screening practices within the Latino community. Latinas in Indiana have one of the lowest cervical cancer screening rates in the United States, 77.3%, and the Healthy People 2020 goal is 93% (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2014). The United States Census Bureau (2011, n.d.), reported that the Latino population in the Indiana area grew 107% between 2000 and 2015.