

## **African American and White Elders' Satisfaction with International Medical School Graduate Physicians**

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This study examines the relationship that international medical school graduates (IMGs) have on healthcare-seeking behavior and satisfaction with medical care among African American and White elderly. The 1986-1998 Piedmont Health Survey of the Elderly Established Populations for the Epidemiological Study of the Elderly is used. The analytic cohort included 22 physicians and 292 elders (65 years old and older) in 1986; by 1998, 18 physicians and 132 elders. Over time, African Americans treated by IMGs had less education, lower incomes, less supplemental insurance, were more likely to live in rural areas, more likely to receive inconsistent care and less likely to have a usual source of care in comparison to their White counterparts. African Americans with IMGs delayed care less than white elders with IMGs, however no statistically significant difference was found in overall satisfaction with care among both groups.