

# Study Finds Colorectal Cancer Survival Rates Significantly Lower in Low-Income Countries in Sub-Saharan Africa

A new study finds colorectal cancer (CRC) survival rates remains low in Sub-Saharan African countries and varies considerably by human development index (HDI). Patients from high-HDI areas had an overall 5-year survival of 57.0% compared with 25.2% in those from low-HDI areas. The report appears in the *International Journal of Cancer*.

“This study identifies several factors influencing CRC survival in the Sub-Saharan Africa region,” write the authors. “Strengthening health systems to ensure access to prevention, early diagnosis, and appropriate treatment is critical in improving outcomes of CRC in the region.”

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