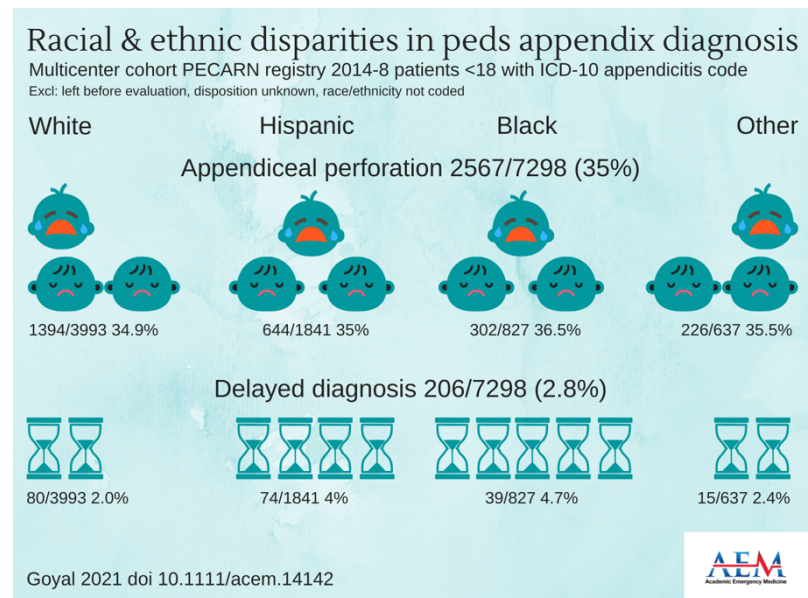


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Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Delayed Diagnosis of Appendicitis Among Children

Des Plaines, IL – A multicenter cohort shows racial disparities in appendiceal perforation and rates of delayed diagnosis of appendicitis and diagnostic imaging. This is the conclusion of a study titled [Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Delayed Diagnosis of Appendicitis Among Children](#), to be published in the September diversity and inclusion special issue of *Academic Emergency Medicine (AEM)* journal, peer-reviewed journal of the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM).



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Appendicitis is the most common surgical condition in pediatric emergency department (ED) patients. Prompt diagnosis can reduce morbidity, including appendiceal perforation. The [study](#) further explains that delays caused by racial disparities may contribute to higher perforation rates among minority children.

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Study details and results are discussed with Dr. Goyal in a recent [AEM podcast](#).

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