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Abstract

The CDC has noted that certain ethnic groups display lower utilization of preventative vaccines and screenings when compared to Caucasians. For Asian Americans, numerous factors contribute to the lower coverage rates including lack of health information, preference for eastern medicines, and limited health care access. In order to determine if health education would benefit Vietnamese Americans, a low-risk survey was available online for one month. Each survey assessed adherence to specific prevention measures and knowledge of each measure. Sixteen participants were included in the results. A majority of participants had a primary care provider (87.5%), sought medical attention yearly or routinely (50%), and had private insurance coverage (87.5%). The adherence scores were higher than expected; however, the knowledge scores were lower than expected. In conclusion, health education may still benefit this group.