New Study Finds Nearly 30 Percent of Mesothelioma Patients Don’t Get Treatment, According to Surviving Mesothelioma

_National Cancer Institute_ researchers say patients over 70 are less likely than younger patients to receive therapy for malignant mesothelioma.

Raleigh, NC (PRWEB) August 25, 2017 -- A new published report has revealed some serious disparities in the way mesothelioma care is delivered in the US. Surviving Mesothelioma has the details. [Click here to read the full article.](#)

Scientists used data from the NCI’s SEER database to identify 389 pleural mesothelioma patients and 53 patients with non-pleural mesothelioma in 2011. Statistical models were used to determine which patients received what kinds of treatment and who had the best outcomes.

“Almost a third (29.3%) of the pleural patients and 21.5% of the non-pleural patients received no therapy,” reports NCI research Lindsey Enewold in the newest issue of the journal Lung Cancer. “Among pleural mesothelioma patients, receipt of therapy was less likely among older patients.”

The report also found that [mesothelioma patients](#) who received a combination of surgery and systemic therapy had the best rates of survival.

“We tend to think that the biggest issue surrounding mesothelioma treatment is the fact that there are so few viable options,” says Alex Strauss, Managing Editor for Surviving Mesothelioma. “But, as this study points out, an equalling concerning issue is the fact that so many patients are not even receiving standard-of-care mesothelioma treatment.”

To read the details of the new report, see [New Report Reveals Disparities in Mesothelioma Treatment](#), now available on the Surviving Mesothelioma website.


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