US Found Helpful for Pelvic Exams in Obese

Major Finding: Obese patients referred for inadequate pelvic examinations were significantly less likely than nonobese patients to have a complete ultrasound assessment (62% vs. 81%), yet they were significantly more likely to have vaginal examinations (62% vs. 48%).

Vitals

Data Source: A single-center study of 103 patients referred specifically for inadequate pelvic examinations.

Disclosures: None was reported.

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Race a Factor In Completing HPV Series

T O R O N T O — Girls who identified themselves as white were twice as likely to complete the three-shot vaccination series against the human papillomavirus, according to a retrospective investigation of medical records.

“This is concerning because, historically, black women have had lower rates of cervical cancer screening and been more at risk from dying of cervical cancer. With unequal distribution of the vaccine, the racial disparity in cervical cancer may worsen,” Dr. Lea Widdicome said in a poster at the meeting.

Moreover, overall, 14% of girls initiating the HPV vaccine series actually completed the three-shot series within 7 months of the first dose.

Girls who received the vaccine for the first time by the third shot by the first of June 2006 and June 2008 from an urban, academic pediatric medical center with multiple primary care and specialty clinics.

Overall, 11% of the black girls received all three doses of the vaccine, compared with 22% of the white girls and 15% of those identified as other races, reported Dr. Widdicome, a pediatrician at the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center.

Patients were predominantly from primary care (95%) and 6% used Medicaid. The majority (67%) self-identified as black, 29% said they were white, and 4% were classified as other races.

Even after investigators controlled for factors such as type of insurance and the different types of clinics giving the vaccine (primary care pediatrics, adolescent primary care, adolescent specialty clinics, or other specialty clinics), race was still strongly associated with getting all three of the doses on schedule.

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