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JPHCOPH Examines Cancer Screenings

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A collaborative study led by Dr. Talar Markossian of Georgia Southern University Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health examines Follow-Up and Timeliness after an Abnormal Cancer Screening among Underserved, Urban Women in a Patient Navigation Program. The study included women with abnormal breast cancer screens from five federally qualified health center sites with similar characteristics in terms of patient volume, racial/ethnic composition, and payor mix.

The researchers found that patient navigation reduces the time from abnormal cancer findings to definitive diagnosis in underserved women. The results support efforts to use patient navigation as a strategy to reduce cancer disparities among socioeconomically disadvantaged women.

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