The American Lung Association believes that everyone deserves the opportunity to lead a full and healthy life. Sadly, many systemic issues have contributed to health disparities, including for those facing lung cancer. The “State of Lung Cancer” 2023 found that people of color who are diagnosed with lung cancer face worse outcomes compared to white individuals as they are less likely to be diagnosed early, less likely to receive surgical treatment, and more likely to receive no treatment. Close to two-thirds of the 28 million uninsured people in American are people of color, and research is clear that having health coverage impacts people’s medical care and ultimately their health outcomes. Addressing racial disparities in healthcare coverage is critical to addressing racial disparities in lung cancer care.

**Black Individuals**
- **Early Diagnosis**: 15% worse than white individuals
- **Surgical Treatment**: 19% worse than white individuals
- **Lack of Treatment**: 11% worse than white individuals
- **Survival**: 16% worse than white individuals

**Latino Individuals**
- **Early Diagnosis**: 16% worse than white individuals
- **Surgical Treatment**: 2% better than white individuals
- **Lack of Treatment**: 30% worse than white individuals
- **Survival**: 9% worse than white individuals

**Asian or Pacific Islanders Individuals**
- **Early Diagnosis**: 17% worse than white individuals
- **Surgical Treatment**: 17% better than white individuals
- **Lack of Treatment**: 15% worse than white individuals
- **Survival**: Same as white individuals

**Indigenous Peoples** (American Indians/Alaska Natives)
- **Early Diagnosis**: 14% worse than white individuals
- **Surgical Treatment**: 23% worse than white individuals
- **Lack of Treatment**: 15% worse than white individuals
- **Survival**: Same as white individuals