

PLAGUE AS DISCIPLINARY PROJECT: COVID IN CHICAGO

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I WAS THERE TO PRESENT DATA ON HOW THE SIGNIFICANT RACIAL DISPARITY IN TIME-TO-TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS WITH METASTATIC CANCER WAS ELIMINATED BY IMPROVING ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE THROUGH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT.



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