to their doctors while participants with higher social isolation scores had lower intention to communicate end-of-life wishes to their families (OR=0.53, p<0.05). This is the first study assessing the intention of communicating end-of-life wishes among residents living in the Black Belt Region. This study demonstrated that awareness of hospice care is positively associated with the intention to communicate end-of-life wishes to both families and doctors.

KNOWLEDGE OF HOSPICE CARE AMONG KOREAN AMERICAN IMMIGRANTS IN DEEP SOUTH
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Despite the benefits of hospice care in end-of-life care, there is a dearth of research on the knowledge or perceptions of hospice care, particularly among immigrants. A handful number of existing studies with this population have mainly used qualitative research methods. The purpose of the current study was to investigate the knowledge about hospice care and identify its predictors. We used cross-sectional data from 256 Korean American immigrants living in Alabama (Mean age = 44.78, range 23–70, 50.4% female). The outcome variable was measured by whether the respondents had heard of hospice care. Independent variables included sociodemographic (age, gender, education, and income), health (functional limitation and chronic conditions), health care access (health literacy, health insurance, unmet medical needs due to the cost, and social isolation). Logistic regression analyses were performed. About 78% of the respondents reported that they had heard of hospice care. Older age (OR=1.05, 95% CI=1.01-1.09, p <.05), being female (OR=1.27, 95% CI=3.18-15.98, p <.001), and higher levels of education (OR=1.68, 95% CI=1.15-2.45) were significantly related to increased odds of knowledge about hospice care. There were no significant roles of health and health care access factors. Our findings suggest sociodemographic gradients present in immigrants’ knowledge about hospice care, emphasizing the need for a targeted intervention to increase the hospice care knowledge.

LENGTH OF STAY IN HOSPICE CARE ACROSS RACIAL/ETHNIC MINORITIES OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE: A DESCRIPTIVE ANALYSIS
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Purpose: This study aims to explore the relationship between race/ethnicity and length of stay in hospice care among adults over 65 years of age in the United States. This topic is understudied within a population-representative sample, particularly among non-White decedents.

Methods: Secondary analysis of data from the 2007 NHHCS (n=3,918). Race/ethnicity included Hispanics/Latinos, Non-Hispanic Whites, African Americans, and other races. Length of hospice stay was measured by the number of days that patients received hospice care from hospice agencies.

Results: The study found that African Americans have a longer length of stay in hospice agencies than Whites, even after controlling for all other factors in the model. Female gender, older age, and several diseases are covariates that significantly impact length of hospice stay.

Discussion: Compared to other races/ethnicities, the long length of stay in hospice among African Americans may negatively impact the quality of end-of-life care and quantity of skilled staff visits. Future research is recommended to further explore potential consequences of longer hospice stays, especially within African American communities. Studies with larger samples of minorities that integrate socioeconomic factors need to be done to better study the relationship between length of hospice stay and race/ethnicity.

OLDER COUPLES’ ADVANCE CARE PLANNING ENGAGEMENT PATTERNS AND ASSOCIATIONS WITH INDIVIDUAL AND SPOUSAL FACTORS
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This study examines older couples’ dyadic patterns of informal and formal advance care planning (ACP) and determines the associations of these patterns with their own and spousal characteristics. Using data from the 2014 and 2016 Health and Retirement Study, we performed a) latent class analysis to identify distinctive ACP engagement patterns and b) multinomial regression models to describe related characteristics of older couples (N = 1,545 couples). We identified four dyadic patterns of ACP engagement: a) high ACP engaging couple (45%); b) high engaging husband – low engaging wife (13%); c) high engaging wife – low engaging husband (11%); and d) low engaging couple (31%). Engagement in informal and formal ACP was associated with both individual and spousal factors: Older couples with advanced age or higher levels of education and wealth were more likely to engage in both informal and formal ACP, whereas only wife’s high level of constrain or husband’s greater number of depressive symptoms was associated with discordant ACP engagements. Couple-based approach to promote ACP merits older couples with limited resources or poorer psychological health in both or either spouse.

PALLIATIVE CARE KNOWLEDGE AND PLANNING IN U.S. ADULTS
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Palliative care knowledge and health literacy are frequently underestimated in American adults; for example, as measured by the Newest Vital Sign (Weiss et al., 2005), 79.2% (n = 247) of participants within a Geriatrics Clinic sample displayed “adequate” functional health literacy, while 11.8% (n = 37) scored within the “possibly limited” range, and 9.0% (n = 28) scored within the “highly limited” range. There was additionally a significant association between health literacy and age (r = .15, p < .01) within this sample. The Palliative Care Knowledge Scale (PaCKS; Kozlov et al., 2018) was administered to participants, and higher scores indicated a greater knowledge of palliative care. This construct is particularly important to measure, as racial/ethnic