



# Inaccuracy of pulse oximetry in darker-skinned patients is unchanged across 32 years

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**The structure of pulse oximeters has changed tremendously over time, but inaccurate readings of oxygen saturation in black patients have not improved across 32 years and manufacturers do not report efforts to resolve the problem** <https://bit.ly/3KYc7Zo>

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*To the Editor:*

We read with interest the recent report in the *European Respiratory Journal* by CROOKS *et al.* [1], who document greater errors with pulse oximetry in patients who have dark skin pigmentation than in white patients. The study is important because of the large number of data points collected prospectively.