Social Support and Cognitive Impairment Risk Among Older Jamaicans

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OBJECTIVE

Examine whether social support differs by cognitive screening status among older community residents.

METHODS

A nationally representative survey enrolled 2,943 people aged 60 or older. Cognitive screening scores were available for 2,782 participants.

RESULTS

Among participants with low screening scores, 73% had no caregiver. Low scores were also associated with older age, female sex and primary education or less.

CONCLUSION

The authors identified older adults with low screening scores as a priority for follow-up and community support.