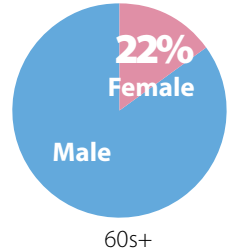
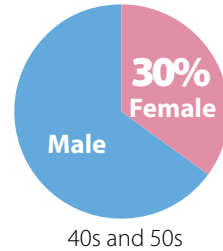
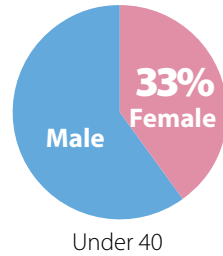
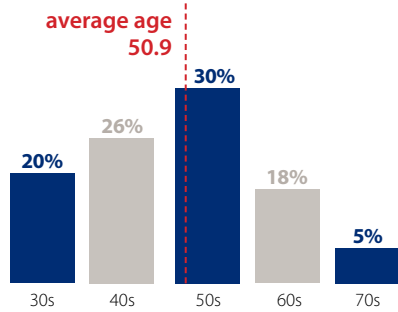


THE RADIATION ONCOLOGY WORKFORCE

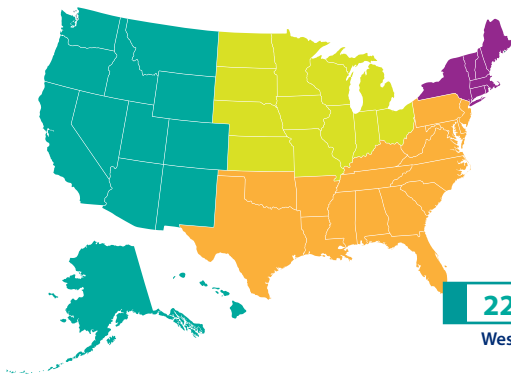
A large workforce of doctors treats patients across the country using radiation therapies. The American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) workforce study took a closer look at these physicians, as well as trends in clinical practice and technology use. The 2017 study, which was published in the *International Journal of Radiation Oncology • Biology • Physics*, drew responses from 1,174 radiation oncologists representing 726 practices.

WHO ARE AMERICA'S RADIATION ONCOLOGISTS?

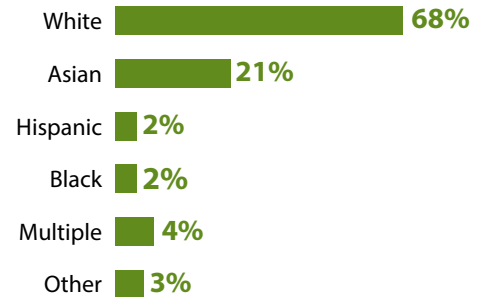
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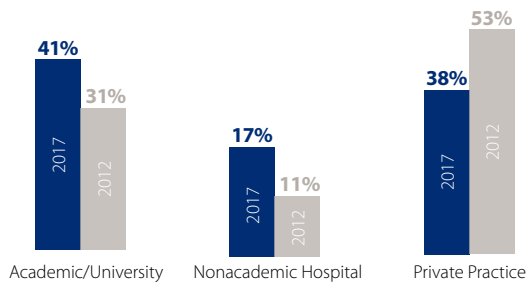


Geographic distribution resembles the U.S. Census. Providers, like patients, are concentrated in the **South and Midwest**.

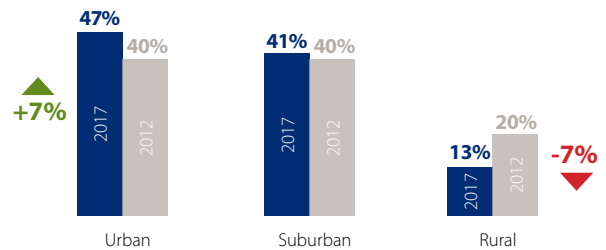


HOW IS THE RADIATION ONCOLOGY WORKFORCE CHANGING?

Radiation oncologists are **shifting from private practice** to academic centers and hospitals.



Nearly 9 in 10 radiation oncologists work in urban or suburban communities. Urban practices have grown over time, while **rural access may be under threat**.



Twice as many radiation oncologists in rural communities plan to retire or reduce hours in the next five years, compared to urban/suburban physicians.

