

## Racial Disparities in Breast Cancer Outcomes for Black Women

### **Description**

MILWAUKEE, Wis. -- A notable disparity in breast cancer outcomes remains between Black and white cisgender women in Wisconsin, as highlighted in the Wisconsin Cancer Collaborative's <u>recent cancer</u> disparities report.

Dominique Hyatt-Oates, a nurse with the City of Milwaukee Health Department who oversees the breast and cervical cancer awareness program, emphasizes the various barriers that lead to different experiences of these two demographics regarding diagnosis and insurance access.

"Black women receive their diagnoses at a younger age compared to white women, yet insurance providers typically do not cover mammograms until age 40," Hyatt-Oates explained. She added that Black women often face later-stage diagnoses and are more frequently diagnosed with aggressive breast cancer.

A 2022 study by the Wisconsin Cancer Collaborative revealed that while breast cancer mortality rates for white women in Wisconsin have decreased since 1995, those for Black women have remained relatively consistent over the past 25 years.

Breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death among Black women, with their mortality rate being 40% higher than that of white women," Hyatt-Oates noted.

The Wisconsin Well Woman program offers assistance to eligible individuals by facilitating access to free breast and cervical cancer screenings, particularly for women without insurance.

For younger women, Hyatt-Oates recommends monthly self-exams to become familiar with their breast health, urging them to be vigilant about any changes such as lumps, color changes, or swelling.

For further support, organizations like <u>Sisters Network</u> and <u>ABCD</u> provide valuable resources and mentorship to those affected by breast cancer.

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# **Vocabulary List:**

- 1. Disparity /dɪˈspær.ə.ti/ (noun): A great difference or inequality between two or more things.
- 2. **Aggressive** /əˈgrɛs.ɪv/ (adjective): Characterized by or tending toward unprovoked offensives attacks or invasions.
- 3. **Mortality** /mɔːr'tæl.ɪ.ti/ (noun): The state of being subject to death; the number of deaths in a particular population.
- 4. Cervical /'s3:.vi.kəl/ (adjective): Related to the cervix or neck region.



- 5. Vigilant /'vɪdʒ.ɪ.lənt/ (adjective): Keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties.
- 6. Facilitating /fə'sɪl.ɪ.teɪ.tɪŋ/ (verb): Making an action or process easier or more achievable.

## **Comprehension Questions**

### **Multiple Choice**

1. What disparity in breast cancer outcomes remains notable between Black and white cisgender women in Wisconsin?

Option: Treatment availability

Option: Diagnosis age Option: Survival rates

Option: Prevalence of risk factors

2. According to the content, why do insurance providers not typically cover mammograms for Black women SL-NEWS.CC until age 40?

Option: Lack of funding

Option: Racial discrimination Option: Medical guidelines Option: Limited resources

3. What is the leading cause of cancer-related death among Black women?

Option: Cervical cancer Option: Lung cancer Option: Breast cancer Option: Skin cancer

4. Which program offers assistance to eligible individuals by providing access to free breast and cervical cancer screenings?

Option: City of Milwaukee Health Department program

Option: Wisconsin Cancer Collaborative program

Option: Wisconsin Well Woman program

Option: ABCD program

5. What is recommended for younger women to do monthly as per Hyatt-Oates?

Option: Physical exercise Option: Medication intake



Option: Self-exams

Option: Regular doctor visits

6. Which organizations provide valuable resources and mentorship to those affected by breast cancer?

Option: ABCD and Wisconsin Cancer Collaborative

Option: Sisters Network and Wisconsin Well Woman program

Option: City of Milwaukee Health Department and Wisconsin Cancer Collaborative

Option: Sisters Network and ABCD

#### **True-False**

- 7. Black women are diagnosed at a later age compared to white women.
- 8. Insurance providers cover mammograms for Black women starting at age 40.
- 9. Breast cancer mortality rates for white women in Wisconsin have increased since 1995.
- 10. The mortality rate of Black women due to breast cancer is higher than that of white women.
- 11. The Wisconsin Well Woman program focuses on prostate cancer screenings.
- 12. Monthly self-exams are recommended for older women.

#### **Gap-Fill**

13. Black women receive their diagnoses at a younger age compared to white women, yet insurance
oroviders typically do not cover mammograms until age
14. Breast cancer mortality rates for Black women in Wisconsin have remained relatively consistent over
the past years.
16. Hyatt-Oates recommends monthly self-exams for younger women to become familiar with their breast
nealth and be vigilant about any changes such as lumps, color changes, or
17. For further support, organizations like Sisters Network and provide valuable



resources and mentorship to those affected by breast cancer.

18. The Wisconsin Well Woman program offers assistance by facilitating access to free breast and cervical cancer screenings, particularly for women without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

### **Answer**

Multiple Choice: 1. Diagnosis age 2. Medical guidelines 3. Breast cancer 4. Wisconsin Well Woman program

5. Self-exams 6. Sisters Network and ABCD

**True-False:** 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. False **Gap-Fill:** 13. 40 14. 25 16. swelling 17. ABCD 18. insurance

## Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which term refers to an inequality or difference?

Option: Mortality Option: Facilitating Option: Disparity Option: Inflamed

2. Which condition causes inflammation in the cartilage that connects a rib to the breastbone?

Option: Cervical

Option: Costochondritis

Option: Vigilant Option: Radiating

3. Which term describes severe pain that is agonizing?

Option: Inflamed
Option: Technique
Option: Excruciating
Option: Circulation

4. Which term means to understand and share the feelings of another?

Option: Chi

Option: Symptoms Option: Empathized



Option: Balance

5. What are products taken orally to enhance one's diet?

Option: Consumption Option: Supplements Option: Reliance Option: Hydration

6. Which term refers to statistical data relating to the population and groups within it?

Option: Prevalence
Option: Consequences
Option: Demographics
Option: Regulatory

7. Which term relates to the rules or laws governing an industry or activity?

Option: Significant Option: Regulatory Option: Disorders Option: Exposure

8. What are the indications or signs of a disease or condition?

Option: Inflamed
Option: Symptoms
Option: Prevalence
Option: Consequences

9. Which term refers to the process of causing something to absorb water?

Option: Reliance Option: Balance Option: Hydration Option: Nutrition

10. Which term denotes the proportion of a particular population found to have a condition?

Option: Debilitating
Option: Prevalence
Option: Consequences
Option: Significant

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)



11. The pain was so intense that it felt like it was	from the lower back down the	
leg.		
12. The new software was aimed at	better communication among team members.	
13. Excessive sugar can lead to	o various health issues like obesity and diabetes.	
14. The success of the dish lies in the chef's	of perfectly blending the flavors.	
15. Every action we take has some form of	whether positive or negative.	
16. The discovery of penicillin was a	breakthrough in the field of medicine.	
17. She had a deep on her bes	t friend for emotional support during tough times.	
18. Practicing yoga helps in balancing your body's	and promoting overall well-	
being.  19. A healthy lifestyle involves maintaining a		
19. A healthy lifestyle involves maintaining a	between physical activity and proper	
nutrition.		
20. Eating a well-rounded diet ensures that your body re	ceives essential for	
optimal function.		
Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )		
21. Security guards must be at all times to prevent una	authorized access.	
22. The joint appeared red and swollen indicating that it was .		
23. The chronic illness left him in a state unable to perform daily tasks.		
24. Finding a between work and leisure is essential for overall well-being.		
25. The doctor recommended a scan to check for any abnormalities in the region of the spine.		
26. Traditional Chinese medicine focuses on balancing one's to promote health.		



- 27. Proper is crucial especially during intense physical activity to avoid dehydration.
- 28. Government agencies enforce standards to ensure the safety of consumer products.
- 29. The study aimed to determine the of mental health disorders in the adolescent population.
- 30. The psychiatrist specializes in treating various mental health.

### **Answer**

Multiple Choice: 1. Disparity 2. Costochondritis 3. Excruciating 4. Empathized 5. Supplements 6.

Demographics 7. Regulatory 8. Symptoms 9. Hydration 10. Prevalence

Gap-Fill: 11. Radiating 12. Facilitating 13. Consumption 14. Technique 15. Consequences 16. Significant

17. Reliance 18. Chi 19. Balance 20. Nutrition

Matching sentence: 1. Vigilant 2. Inflamed 3. Debilitating 4. Balance 5. Cervical 6. Chi 7. Hydration 8.

ESL-NEWS.COM Regulatory 9. Prevalence 10. Disorders

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