



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 [recent cancer 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 [Sisters Network](#) and [ABCD](#) 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** /əˈɡres.ɪv/ (adjective): Characterized by or tending toward unprovoked offensives attacks or invasions.
3. **Mortality** /mɔːrˈtæl.i.ti/ (noun): The state of being subject to death; the number of deaths in a particular population.
4. **Cervical** /ˈsɜː.vɪ.kəl/ (adjective): Related to the cervix or neck region.



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5. **Vigilant** /ˈvɪdʒ.ɪ.lənt/ (adjective): Keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties.
6. **Facilitating** /fəˈsɪl.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 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 providers 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 health 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 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 best 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 _____ between physical activity and proper nutrition.
20. Eating a well-rounded diet ensures that your body receives 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 unauthorized 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. Regulatory 9. Prevalence 10. Disorders

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