

AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN AND BREAST CANCER

BREAST CANCER IS THE MOST COMMONLY DIAGNOSED CANCER AMONG BLACK WOMEN



Black women have a lower survival rate at every stage of disease, largely because of less access to high-quality health care, educational information and financial stress.

TRIPLE NEGATIVE BREAST CANCER (TNBC)

Black women in the U.S. are twice as likely to be diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer compared to women of other racial and ethnic groups. TNBC is typically a more aggressive cancer.

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Breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in Black women, but it is the second leading cause of cancer death after lung cancer in women in the U.S. overall.

50%

of breast cancer patients go into debt paying for treatment. Adding medical expenses on top of everyday living expenses can impact your quality of life.

58%

Black women are more likely than white women to have financial problems caused by breast cancer.

37%

of breast cancer patients reduced spending on basic necessities to cover treatment costs, 16% reported experiencing food insecurity.

What to Know...

- Early detection is critical.
- Know what your normal feels like, so you can recognize when something is abnormal.
- Know your history. Talk to your family about breast cancer.
- **Follow first steps to help reduce some of the financial barriers: ask questions, know your care team, and stay informed.**

We can help! Pink Fund provides up to \$3,000 of direct bill payments for 90 days to support breast cancer patients in active treatment. Families experience less financial stress when Pink Fund covers expenses for non-medical bills for housing, transportation, utilities and insurance. To learn what questions to ask, how to get help and give help to support breast cancer patients, visit: pinkfund.org or scan the code.

