

Since the 1980s, there have been significant improvements in treatment and overall breast cancer care. Unfortunately, improvement has not been equal among all populations. Many still suffer inequities, or disparities, from breast cancer and its effects, including high death rates.

Disparities are health differences in breast cancer outcomes among specific population groups, which may include, but are not limited to those associated with race/ethnicity, religion, nationality, socioeconomic status, age, sexual orientation, geography or disability.

Komen is dedicated to reaching health equity. With support from the Fund II Foundation, Komen initiated the African American Health Equity Initiative, which aims to reduce African-American breast cancer disparities by 25% in 5 years, starting in the 10 metropolitan areas with the greatest breast cancer disparities.



African-American & Hispanic/Latina women are more likely to be diagnosed with advanced breast cancer than **white** women, and African-American women are about 40% more likely to die of breast cancer than white woman.



Mammography screening rates among **American Indian** and **Alaska Native** women are lower than rates among **white, African-American** and **Asian-American** women.



Uninsured women have lower rates of breast cancer screening and have more advanced breast cancer at diagnosis compared to women with **health insurance**.

Learn more about the African-American Health Equity Initiative <http://bit.ly/KomenAAHEI> 

OUR RESEARCH INVESTMENT:

(1982-2019)

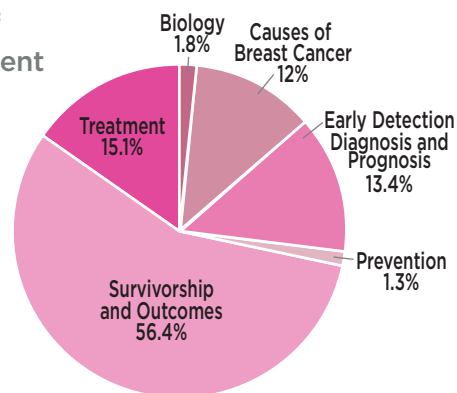
More than **\$117 million** in over **280 research grants** and more than **170 clinical trials** focused on breast cancer inequities

What We're Investigating



- Identifying the genetic, social and environmental differences that contribute to disparities in breast cancer outcomes in African-American women.
- Determining how patient navigation affects patient acceptance of recommended breast cancer treatment in minority populations.
- Testing a health care delivery program to optimize care and improve outcomes for African-American and low-income women.

Topic Area of Total Investment



Read about Komen Scholar Dr. Lisa Newman's work to reduce breast cancer inequities in sub-Saharan Africa in Komen's research blog. <http://sgk.mn/2i2DaJu>

TRAINING RESEARCHERS to Eliminate Disparities

Komen has dedicated numerous resources to eliminating breast cancer inequities, including a dedicated grant mechanism — Training Researchers to Eliminate Disparities (TREND) grant — which supports early career researchers seeking careers focused on breast cancer disparities.

Komen has funded:



33 grants that have supported more than **120 students** pursuing careers focused on breast cancer disparities research.