Advances in breast cancer research have led to significant improvements in treatment and overall breast cancer outcomes. Unfortunately, these improvements have not been equitable among all populations. Healthcare and other inequities, such as access to quality care, insurance coverage, poverty and racism, have led to breast cancer disparities in many communities and some populations still have a higher likelihood of being diagnosed with or dying from breast cancer compared to other populations.

Komen is dedicated to eliminating breast cancer disparities and inequities by investing in research focused on the causes of disparities and strategies to reduce them; and by training the next generation of scientists in disparities focused research.

Learn more about Komen’s work to advance health equity including an initiative - Stand for H.E.R- a Health Equity Revolution - aimed at achieving health equity for the Black community.

**OUR RESEARCH INVESTMENT:**

(1982-2022)

**What We’re Investigating**

- Investigating how psychological and social stressors impact breast cancer for Black women and can be modified to help prevent disparities.
- Testing a culturally-tailored patient navigation intervention to improve breast cancer treatment for under-resourced populations.
- Testing a new liquid biopsy technique in Black, Hispanic, and Asian women to help detect primary and recurrent breast cancer at an earlier stage to improve breast cancer outcomes for these populations.

[Image: Diagram showing distribution of research funding between different topic areas: Biology 1%, Causes of Breast Cancer 13%, Early Detection, Diagnosis and Prognosis 15%, Prevention 2%, Treatment 14%, Survivorship and Outcomes 55%]

**TRAINS RESEARCHERS to Eliminate Disparities**

Komen has dedicated many research grants 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:

- 36 grants that have supported more than 160 students pursuing careers focused on breast cancer disparities research.