

# 2018 Research Fast Facts Breast Cancer Inequities



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—2018

More than **\$114 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



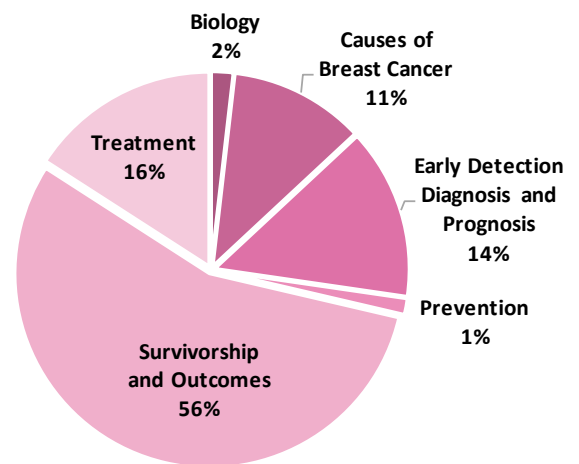
Determining how patient navigation affects patient acceptance of recommended breast cancer treatment in minority populations



Testing a health care delivery program to optimize care and improve outcomes for African-American and low-income women



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>



Topic Area of Investment

### Graduate Training in Disparities Research

Komen has dedicated numerous resources to eliminating breast cancer inequities, including support of early career researchers through a dedicated grant mechanism - the Graduate Training in Disparities Research (GTDR) grant - which supports the training of graduate students who are pursuing a research career 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.



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