

2017 Research Fast Facts Breast Cancer Inequities



In the past 35 years, 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 do not describe all health differences, but are caused by inequities due to discrimination or social disadvantages including, but not limited to, health care gaps associated with race/ethnicity, ancestry, cultural factors, socioeconomic status, age, sexual orientation, geography, disability or other characteristics related to social inequality or discrimination.



African-American & **Hispanic/Latina** women are more likely to be diagnosed with advanced breast cancer than **white** women.



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**.

Our Research Investment 1982–2017

More than **\$110 million** in over **270 research grants** and **160 clinical trials** focused on breast cancer inequities

What We're Investigating



Identifying the genetic differences that contribute to higher rates of triple negative breast cancer (TNBC) in African-American and Ghanaian women



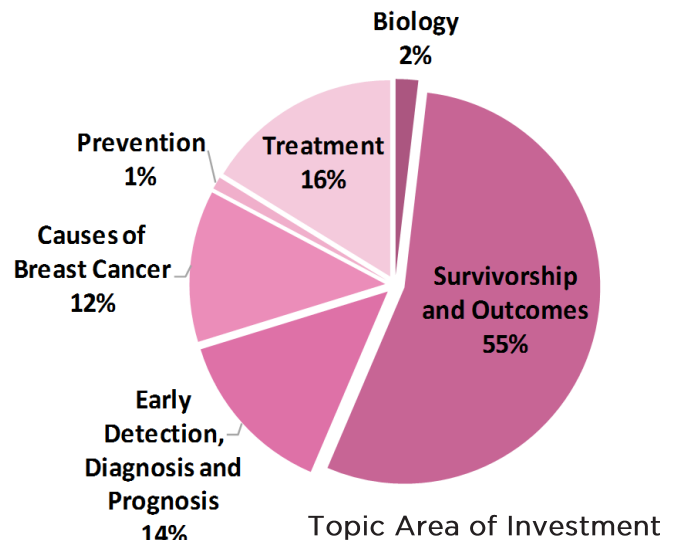
Determining how patient navigation affects patient acceptance of recommended breast cancer treatment in minority populations



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>



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:



26 grants that have supported more than **80** students pursuing careers focused on breast cancer disparities research.



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