

Global Trends: Breast Cancer Disparities

It was expected by the end of 2022 at least 43,250 women would die from breast cancer.¹ With new technological advances in medicinal practices, breast cancer outcomes and incidence are improving; however, health disparities persist among high-risk populations.^{2,3} Breast cancer disparities is a global health trend that should be ranked among the world's most leading health issues. Many variables can impact health outcomes such as sociodemographic, genetic factors, and health behaviors that lead to higher mortality rates in communities where these high-risk factors are most common.^{2,3}

To close the gap in breast cancer I believe community health needs to be examined individually—this is important to consider because breast cancer does not affect every community in the same way. Therefore, having an intimate understanding of various communities can ameliorate and provide a preventive service tailored to individuals. However, to implement such action funding needs to be provided to health services at the community level. By doing so funding will not solely address clinical research needs but will bring forth educational and awareness programs in places where it is limited. I believe this is possible, as research has already begun examining the relationship between breast cancer outcomes in minority populations, but a greater investment is needed to close the gap in breast cancer disparities.^{2,3}

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