

# Black Breast Cancer: The Facts



- 1 Black women are **41% more likely to die** of breast cancer than white women.
- 2 Black women with breast cancer have a **71% higher relative risk** of death compared to white women.
- 3 Black women have a **31% breast cancer mortality rate** – the highest of any U.S. racial or ethnic group.
- 4 Black women are diagnosed with **de novo** metastatic breast cancer at a **58% higher rate** than white women.
- 5 Black breast cancer patients still have the **lowest 5-year survival rate** of any race or ethnicity. Overall 5-year relative survival rates are **81% for Black women vs 91% for white women**.
- 6 Black women are just as likely to have **hereditary breast cancer mutations** as white women, yet their participation in genetic counseling and testing is substantially lower.
- 7 Black women have **denser breasts** than white women. Having dense breasts increases your risk of developing breast cancer up to **six-fold** and regular mammograms struggle to pick up breast cancer in dense breasts.
- 8 Black breast cancer survivors have a **39% higher risk of breast cancer recurrence**.

## Triple Negative Breast Cancer

- 9 **Triple Negative Breast Cancer is associated with worse prognosis**, early relapse after standard chemotherapy, a high frequency of metastasis to lung, liver and brain and a low overall survival compared to other breast cancer subtypes.
- 10 Black women have a **3 times higher odds** of being diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer than white women.
- 11 The **poorest TNBC survival was observed in Black women** with only 14% five-year relative survival.

## Young Black Women

- 12 Black women under **35 get breast cancer at two times the rate** of white women and die at three times the rate.
- 13 About 30% of all newly diagnosed Black breast cancer patients are **younger than 50 years old**.
- 14 Black women **under 50 die at double the rate** of white women.