Triple Negative Breast Cancer (TNBC) is an aggressive form of cancer that disproportionately impacts women who are medically underserved.

THE FACTS ABOUT TRIPLE NEGATIVE BREAST CANCER (TNBC)

Women diagnosed with TNBC often have a poor prognosis and lower rates of survival.

- Approximately 10-20% of breast cancers in the U.S. are TNBC.
- Women with the BRCA1 gene mutation are at increased risk of developing TNBC.
- Women with TNBC have very few treatment options available.
- There is a high risk of metastasis (spreading) to other vital organs, including the lungs and brain.
- TNBC patients’ risk of death is 2x higher than other types of breast cancer.
- Almost all patients with metastatic TNBC eventually die of their disease.
- TNBC is aggressive and more likely to progress into severe stages of disease.
- TNBC patients have a high rate of disease recurrence.
- A larger proportion of women diagnosed with TNBC receive their diagnosis at a later stage of the disease.
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THE DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT OF TNBC

- TNBC is more common in young women.
- Those under the age of 40 diagnosed with breast cancer are nearly twice as likely to have TNBC than women aged 50-64.
- Black women are three times as likely to be diagnosed with TNBC than non-Hispanic white women.
- TNBC tumors tend to be larger.
- Black women have the lowest survival rate at each stage of diagnosis.
- Black patients are diagnosed later when treatment is less likely to be effective.

In order to test how drugs work on Black bodies and keep Black Breasties from dying at higher rates, we need more Black women in clinical trials, especially TNBC clinical trials. When you consider enrolling in a clinical trial, you’re not only investing in the most cutting-edge treatments for yourself, but you also take the first step towards helping to develop better TNBC treatments for all Black women.

When we tri(al), we are counted. When we tri(al), we make a difference in triple negative breast cancer research.

Join the When We Tri(al) movement and learn more about TNBC & clinical trials at www.whenwetrial.org
References


