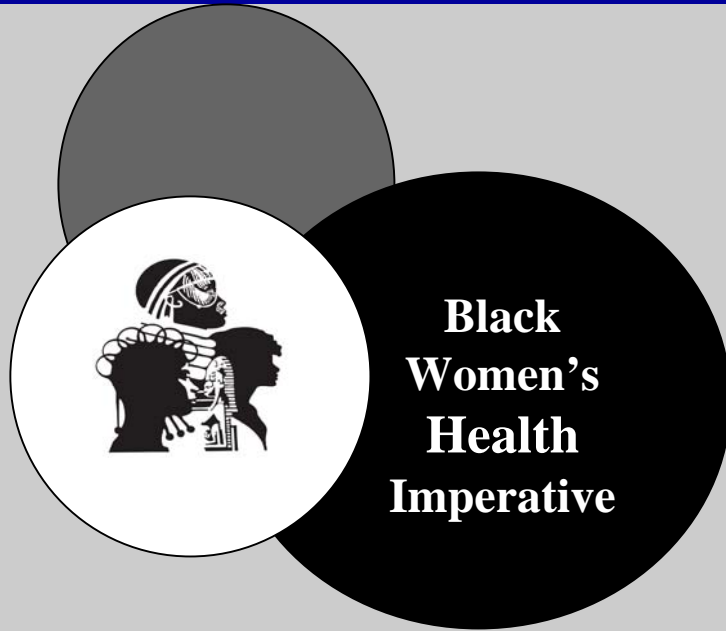


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**Black
Women's
Health
Imperative**

Is Inequality Making Black Women Sick?

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Esmin Elizabeth Green, 49



Someone Is Hurt, In Need of Compassion. Is It Human Instinct to Do Nothing?



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After collapsing in a Brooklyn psychiatric ward, a woman lies on the floor for more than an hour before help arrives. These surveillance stills show people coming into - and leaving - the room. One hospital employee nudges the woman with her foot but offers no aid.

INHUMANE TREATMENT

- Esmin Elizabeth Green died alone after 24 hours of waiting for care
- Pregnant women in prisons being shackled during labor and delivery

INVISIBILITY OF BLACK WOMEN AND GIRLS

- Ignoring patient
- Contact avoidance
- Internal silence

SHIFTING DISEASE BURDEN

- HIV/AIDS is the second leading cause of death for young Black women
- Breast cancer among young Black women

INEQUITABLE ACCESS

- Uninsured and underinsured AT 37%
- Inequitable distribution of health resources
- Separate and unequal

CHALLENGES OF POVERTY

- One in four Black girls drops out of high school
- 1 in 2 Black teenage girls has at least one STD
- Highest rate of unintended pregnancies (98% vs. 345)
- Median income of \$27,000

THE IMPERATIVES

- Promote patient education and health literacy
- Promote the use of lay health navigators
- Promote community-based health care planning
- Strengthen community safety nets and resources
- Make Black women's health a priority