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# *Black Maternal Health: The Tragic Truth*

*“The most disrespected person in America is the black woman. The most unprotected person in America is the black woman. The most neglected person in America is the black woman”—Malcolm X*

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*What is  
Pregnancy –  
related death?*

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The death of a woman that occurs due to complications of pregnancy or childbirth or up to one year after giving birth

## *What we know?*

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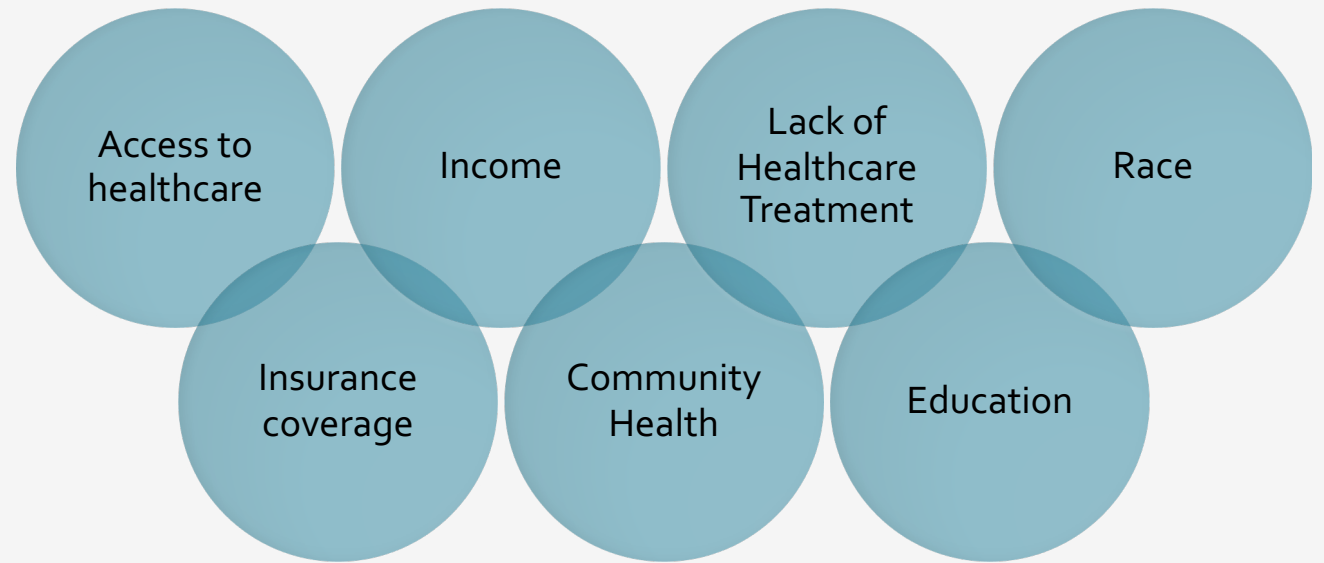
- Annually, severe complications affect > 65,000 women in the U.S
  - On average, 700 women die annually in the United States from complications
  - Social determinants of health a factor
  - Tragic trend in the U.S

## *Death can happen up to a year after delivery*

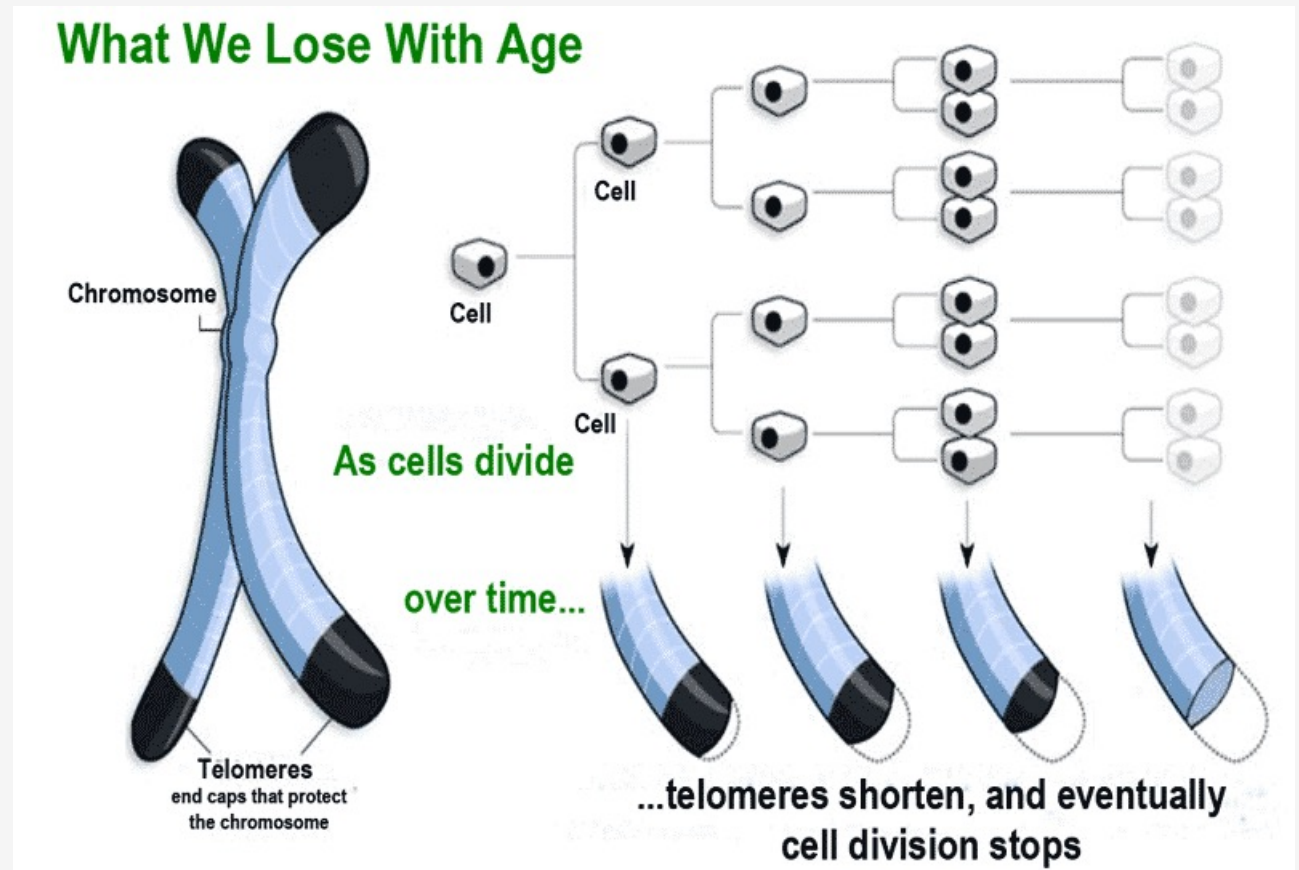


# *Social Contributing Factors*

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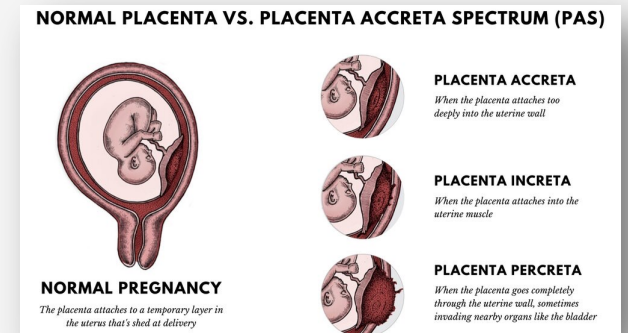


# *Weathering and the Telomere Connection*



# *Medical Causes: Pregnancy Related Complications*

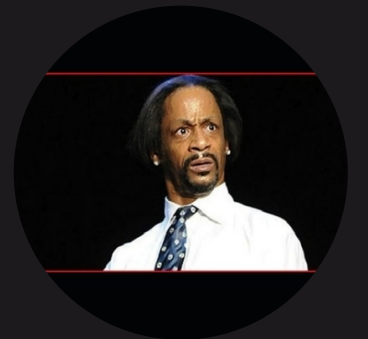
- Cardiomyopathy
- Hemorrhage
- Infection
- Preeclampsia
- Embolism
- Other





*60% of these deaths  
are due to  
preventable causes*

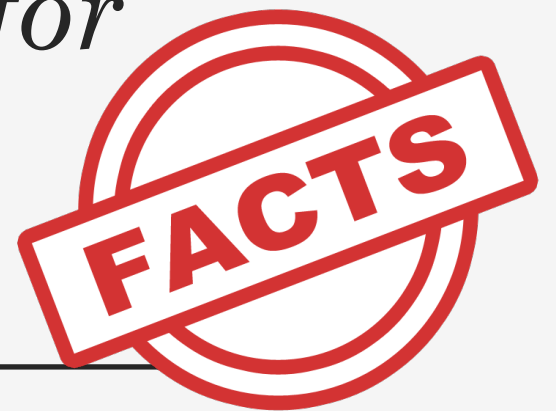
*The Kicker!*



## *The Impact of Racism on Maternal Outcomes*

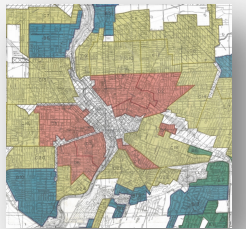
*“The impacts of individual and structural racism can compromise health over time leading to poorer outcomes for black women”*

*Dr. Joia Crear-Perry*

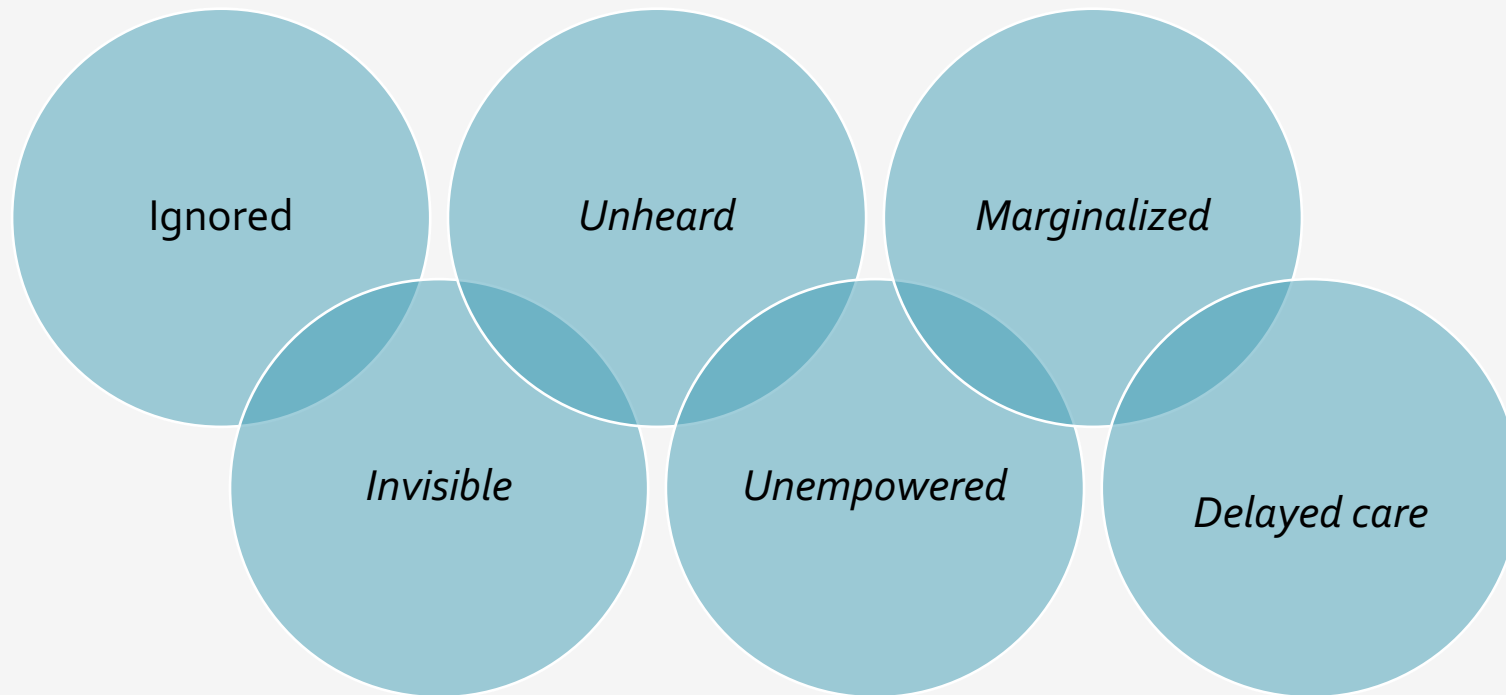


*But Why?*

*All Roads lead to  
racism....poverty up a  
head*



# *Listen to Black Women: Save a Life*





# *Women Impacted by Maternal Mortality*

## #SEEHER



Kira Johnson



Serena Williams



Felicia West



Dr. Shalon Irving



Dr. Chaniece Wallace

*#SEEHER*



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Matter**

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## *The System is Rigged*

*“You can’t educate your way out of this problem. You can’t health-care-access your way out of this problem. There’s something inherently wrong with the system that’s not valuing the lives of black women equally to white women.”*

*Raegan McDonald-Mosley, chief medical director for Planned Parenthood Federation of America*

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## *Consequences of Not Listening to Black Mothers*

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# *Motherless Children*





*“We need to fix this, please”*

*Linda Burke-Galloway MD*



# *What we want?*

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Improved diversity in maternal care

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Improved maternal care workforce

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Increased government accountability and legislation

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Medicaid expansions directly correlated to decreases in maternal mortality rates

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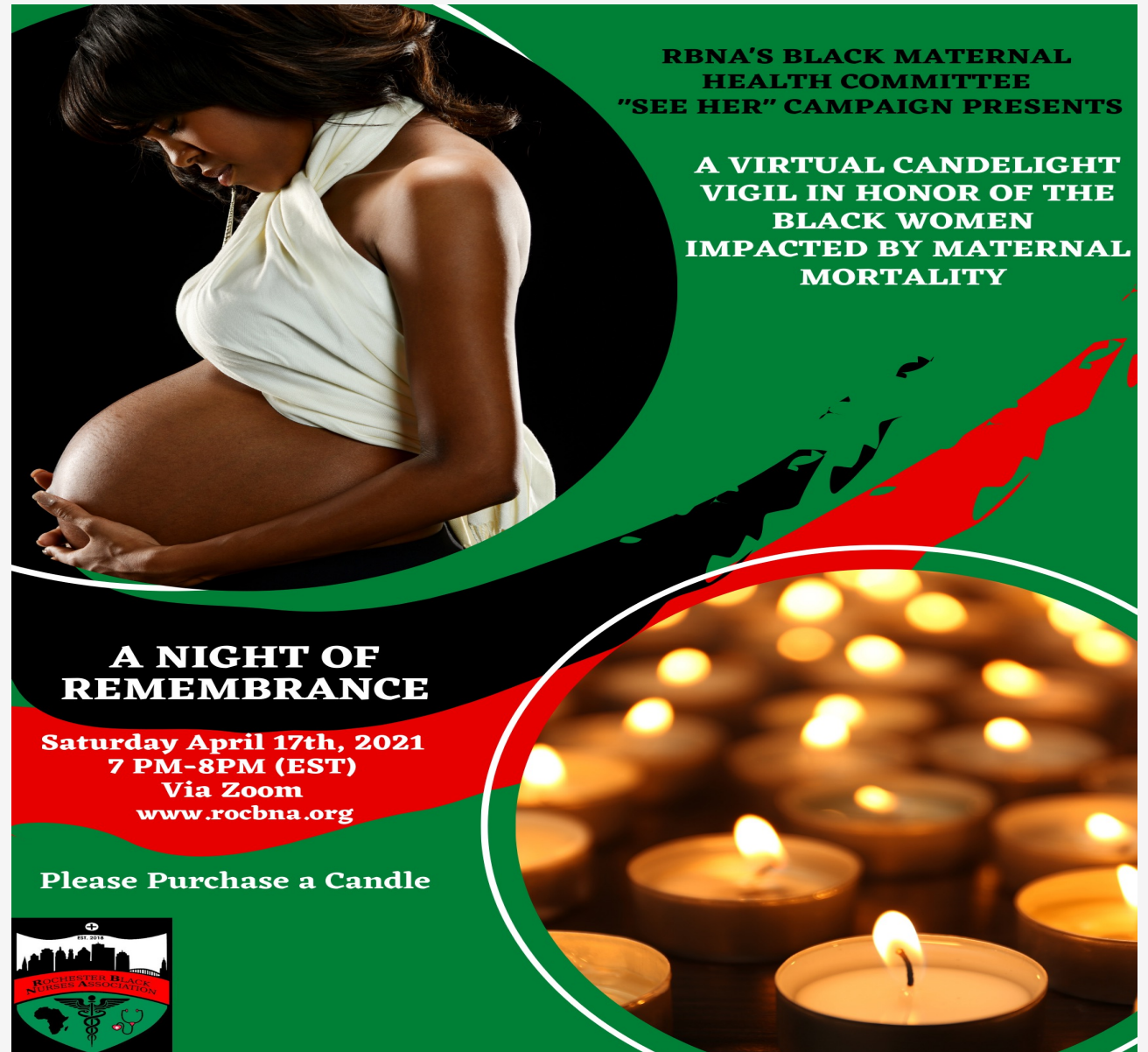
Supportive care practice of a doula

*What can  
you do?*

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- Listen to Black Women
- Advocate for legislation
- Follow best practices guidelines
- Advocate for Maternal Justice

*Join Us*



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