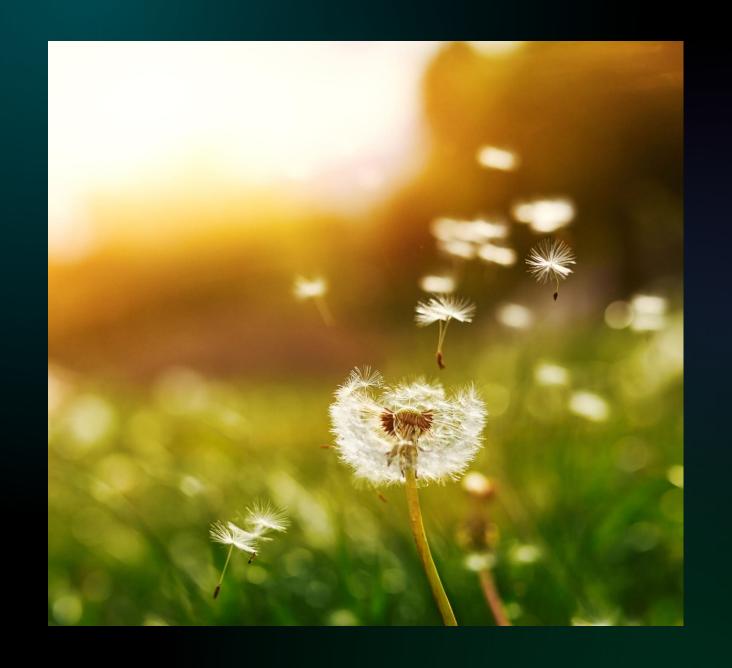
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WHY ARE AFRO-AMERICAN
WOMEN AT HIGH RISK OF DYING
FROM PREGNANCY
COMPLICATIONS



Black Women are at high risk during pregnancy:

- Black women are three to four times more likely to die from pregnancy -related causes than whites, according to CDC & Prevention.
- This has climbed over the past two decades; making the maternal mortality rate in the United States worse.
- This is now a public health and human rights emergency, because it has been noted that a significant portion of these death could be prevented.

Why?

- Lack of access and poor quality care are the leading factors; but this is not always the case.
- Black women are under-valued. They are not always monitored as carefully as white women/other nationalities.
- · When they do present their symptoms, they are often dismissed.
- Racism affects so many things before the patient gets to clinical setting. This all affects have women are care in the health care systems.

America is failing its Black mothers:

- Finally, policymakers are beginning to pay attention.
- The CDC now estimates that 700-900 new and expectant mothers die in the US each year. An additional 500,000 women experience life-threatening postpartum complications.
- This rate is higher among Black women 2011-2014; 40.0 deaths per 100,000.
- Women of other races; 17.8 deaths per 100,000.
- White women; 12.4 deaths per 100,000.
- The health of the moms and babies are intertwine.
- We welcome and join the movement for change.

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