

# A glance at how different cancers affect different populations

Cancer health disparities are expected to increase and addressing these disparities will require a multipronged approach for employers

## By the numbers:

The rate at which breast cancer is diagnosed while still in an early stage in **African American/Black women**, as compared to 69% among white women<sup>1</sup>

2X

The rate at which breast cancer is diagnosed while still in an early—and thus more treatable—stage in **African American/Black women**, as compared to 69% among white women<sup>2</sup>

58%

The likelihood that **Asian American and Pacific Islander** adults will die from stomach cancer as compared to white adults<sup>3</sup>

2X

The increase in deaths from colorectal cancer for **men in the poorest counties of the U.S.**, as compared to men living in the country's most affluent counties<sup>4</sup>

35%

The increase in likelihood of being diagnosed with cancer that **bisexual women** face, as compared to heterosexual women<sup>5</sup>

70%

The likelihood that **Hispanic/Latino Americans** die from liver and stomach cancer than white Americans<sup>6</sup>

2X

## Action Plan

Employers play critical role in reducing health disparities and improving outcomes for their employees by:

01 Improving health literacy

02 Improving access to cancer screenings, diagnosis and treatment

03 Offering a wide range of resources to support members and caregivers through the emotionally-taxing oncology experience

04 Increasing access to specialty medications and treatments

05 Coordinating financial assistance to deliver care beyond cost barriers

To learn more about Evernorth's cancer solution, Oncology Benefit Services, [click here](#).

To learn more about Accredo by Evernorth's Specialty Pharmacy solution, [click here](#).

1 National Cancer Institute (NCI), January 2025, <https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/understanding/disparities>

2 American Association of Cancer Research (AACR), 2022, <https://cancerprogressreport.aacr.org/disparities/cdpr22-contents/cdpr22-the-state-of-cancer-health-disparities-in-2022/>

3 et al.

4 et al.

5 et al.

6 Office of Minority Health (OMH), February 2025, <https://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/cancer-and-hispanic-americans>