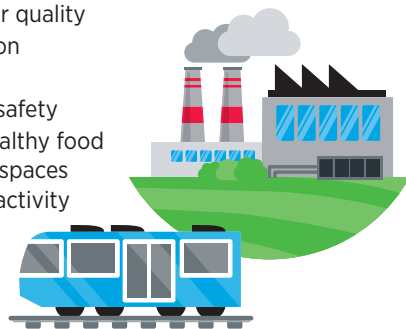


# Why Do U.S. Cancer Health Disparities Exist?

Complex and interrelated factors contribute to cancer health disparities in the United States. Adverse differences in many, if not all, of these factors are directly influenced by structural and systemic racism. The factors may include, but are not limited to, differences or inequalities in:

## ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

- Air and water quality
- Transportation
- Housing
- Community safety
- Access to healthy food sources and spaces for physical activity



## BEHAVIORAL FACTORS

- Tobacco use
- Diet
- Excess body weight
- Physical inactivity
- Adherence to cancer screening and vaccination recommendations



## SOCIAL FACTORS

- Education
- Income
- Employment
- Health literacy



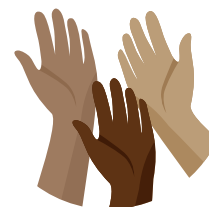
## CLINICAL FACTORS

- Access to health care
- Quality of health care



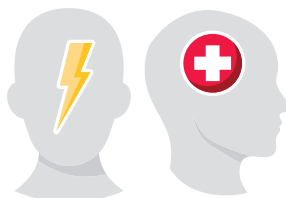
## CULTURAL FACTORS

- Cultural beliefs
- Cultural health beliefs



## PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTORS

- Stress
- Mental health



## BIOLOGICAL AND GENETIC FACTORS

