

DISPARITIES IN QUALITY OF LIFE AFTER A CANCER DIAGNOSIS

Several segments of the population have been found to be disproportionately affected by the adverse effects of cancer and cancer treatment, which can negatively affect quality of life after a cancer diagnosis. Examples of these disparities include:



African American women had a **two-fold increased risk** of breast cancer-related lymphedema (swelling in the arms that can cause pain and problems in functioning) compared with white women (212).

28%
HIGHER

Adolescents and young adults surviving two or more years after a Hodgkin lymphoma diagnosis who lived in low socioeconomic neighborhoods had **28 percent higher** likelihood of respiratory system diseases compared with those in high socioeconomic neighborhoods (213).

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