

SUNDAY MORNING Health Corner

African American Women & Cervical Cancer

Cervical cancer is the **fourth** most common **cancer among women**, according to the World Cancer Research Fund International. The **human papillomavirus (HPV)** is the leading cause of cervical cancer. Historically marginalized populations, such as **Black women**, are less likely to obtain sufficient care and are less likely to survive cancer than white individuals.



Signs & Symptoms

- Abnormal vaginal bleeding.
- Sexual discomfort
- Pain in the pelvic region or lower back
- Unexplained exhaustion
- Urination that is frequent or urgent
- Bloating in the abdomen
- Early stage cervical cancer may not cause any symptoms.



Frequency and fatality rates in Black women

- Cervical cancer is more likely to affect women over the age of 30.
- Black women are the second most likely demographic to have cervical cancer.
- While cervical cancer death rates have been dropping for several years, black women are approximately 80% more likely than white women to die from this type of cancer.



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