

The Experience of African Americans with Serious Illness: Shortcoming and Opportunities

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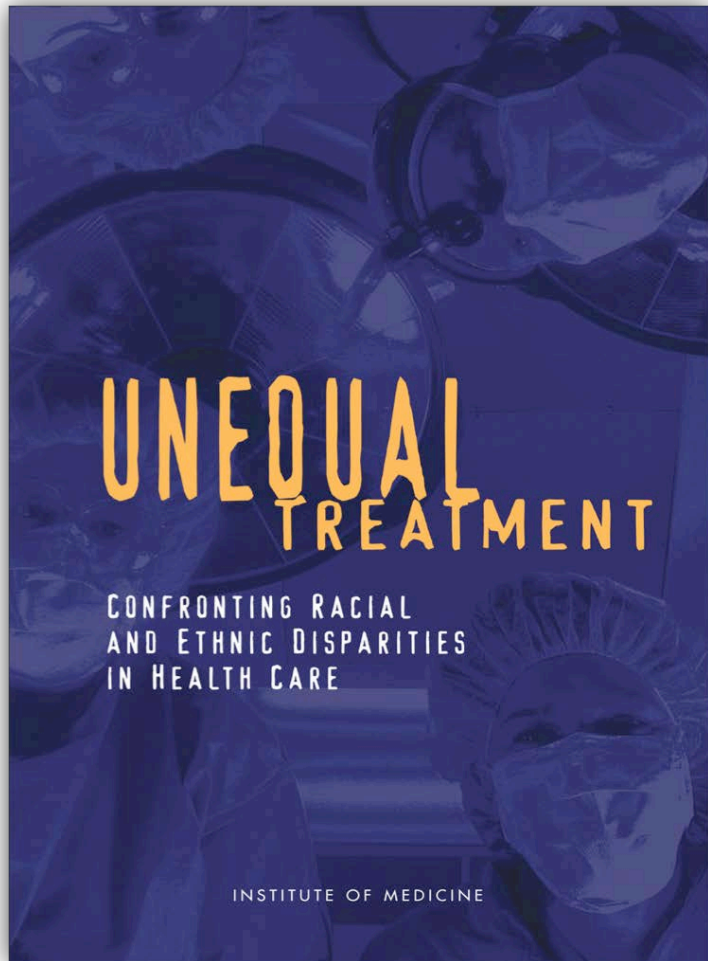
The Elephant in the Living Room: Why is this important?



What elephant?

Tomassi

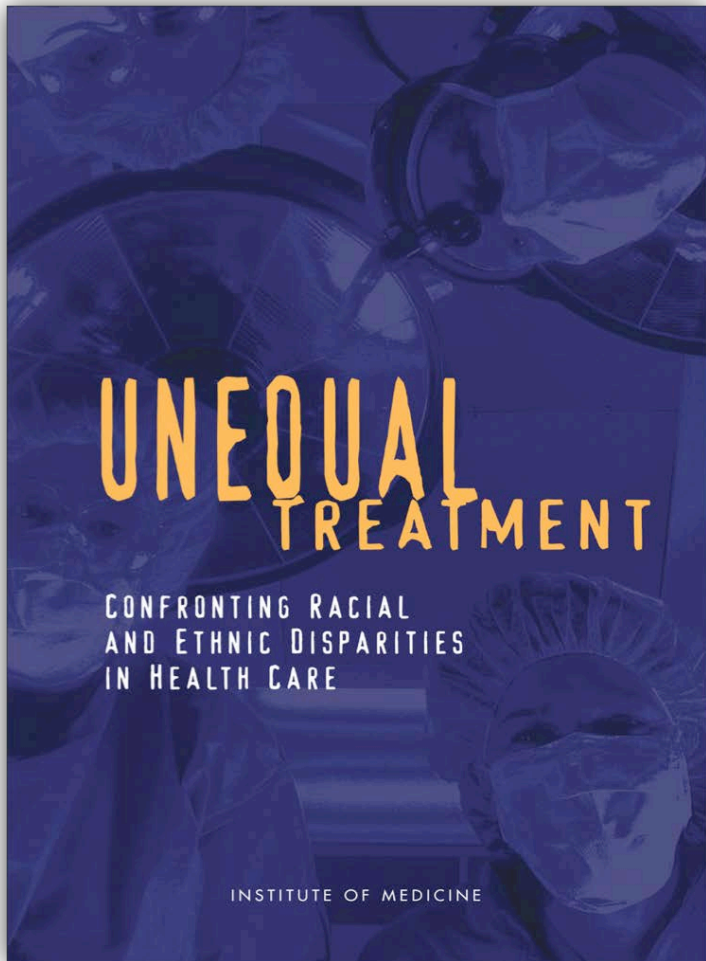
Healthcare in America: Not the Same For Everyone



“Disparities in healthcare for racial and ethnic minorities are real and are associated with worse health outcomes in many cases, which is unacceptable.”

Alan Nelson, former AMA President.

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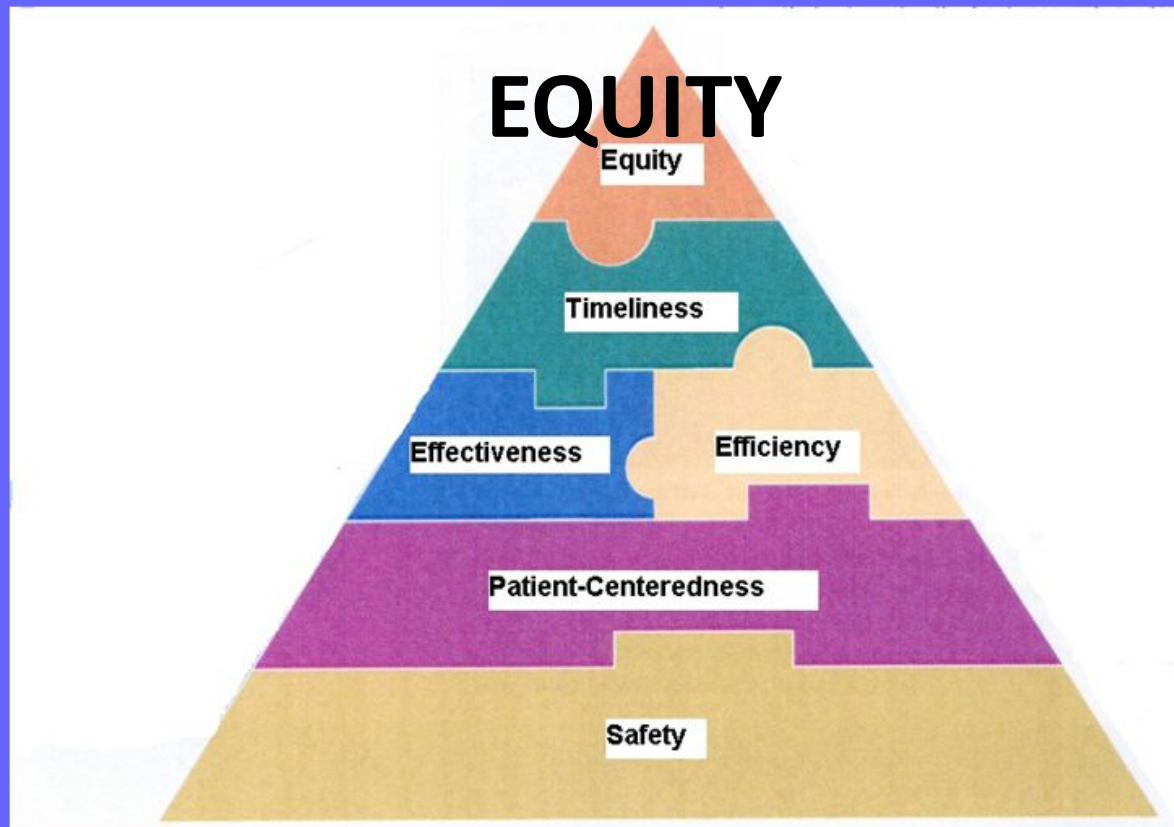
African Americans less Likely to receive:

cancer screening and treatment
cardiac procedures (CABG, PCI, CEA)
dialysis
transplants
hip and knee replacements

Real Consequences:
More likely to die

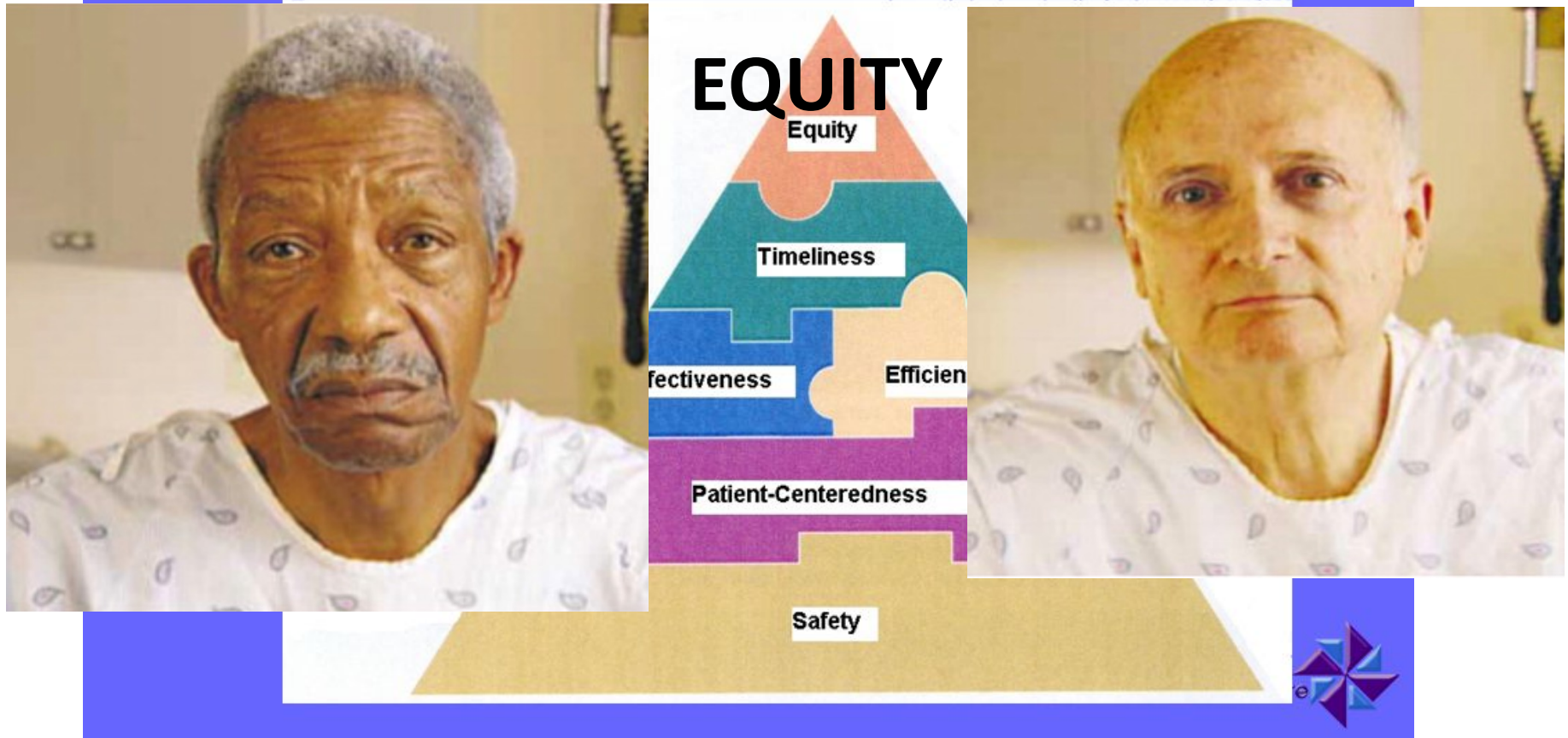
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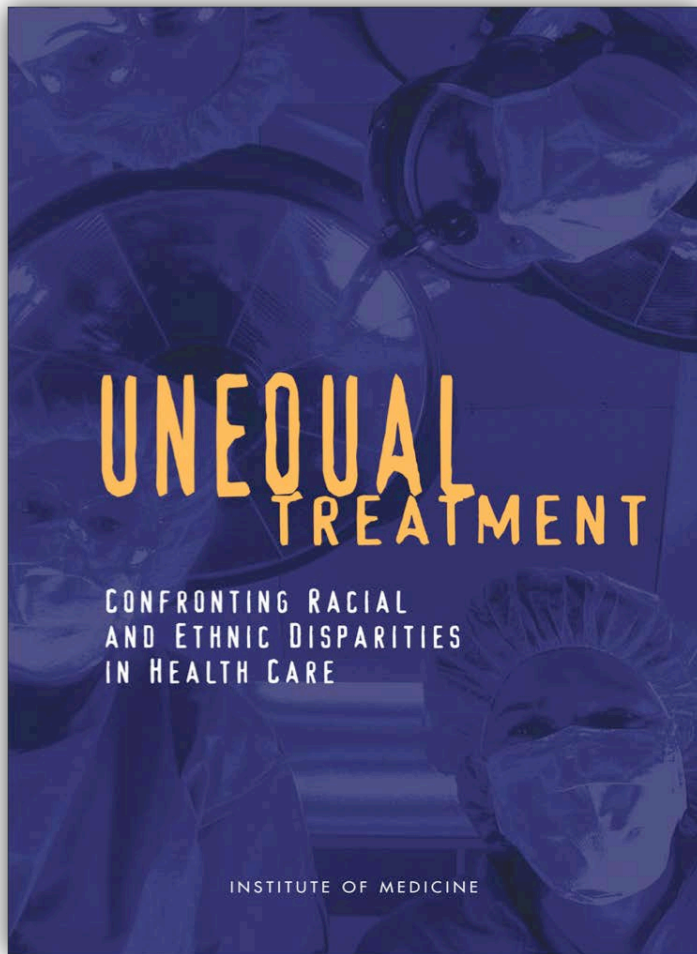


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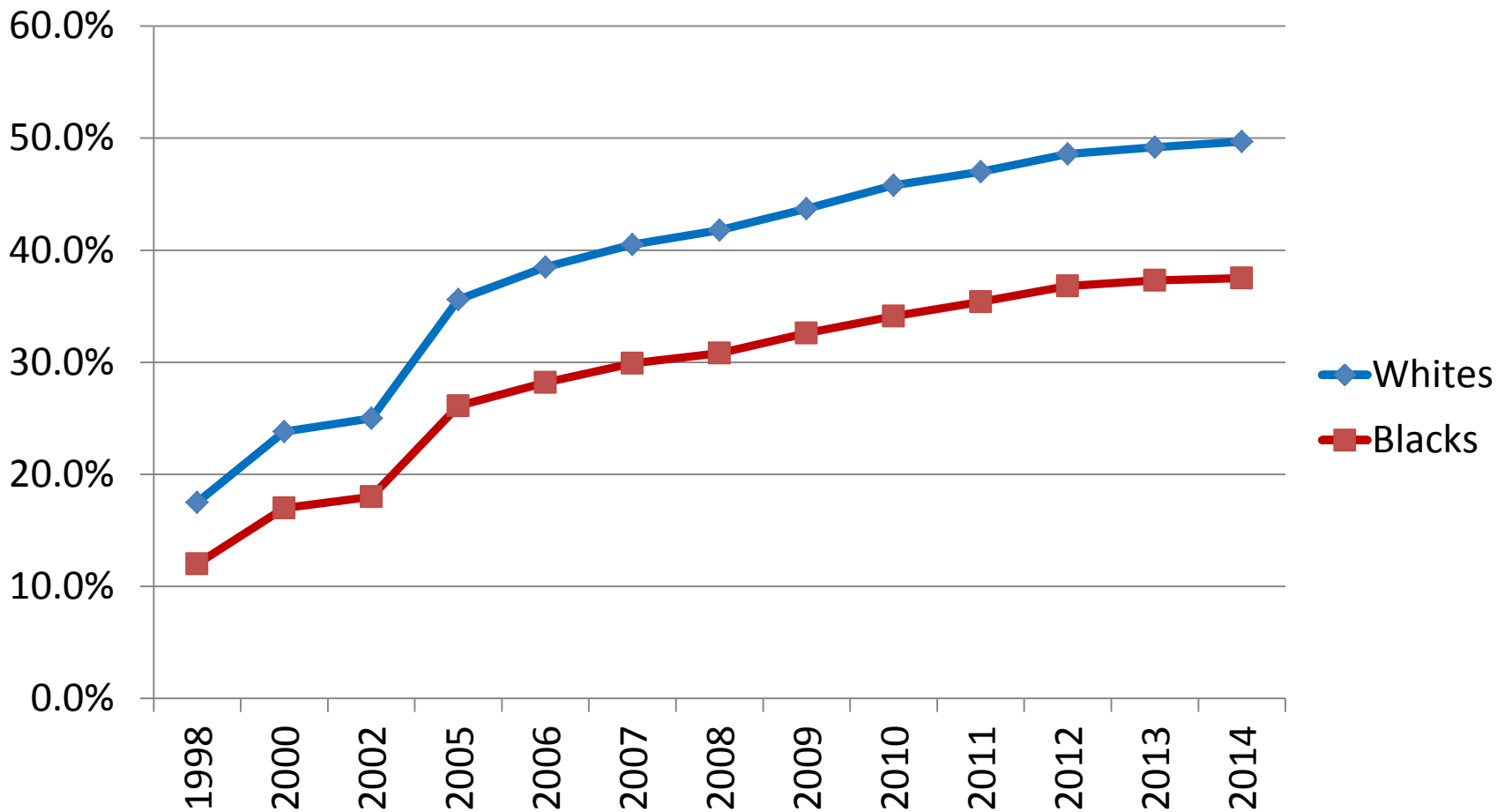


Serious Illness Care for African Americans



Unmet Needs
Pain Management
Communication
Satisfaction

Proportion of Medicare Decedents Enrolled in Hospice



What are the barriers?

Knowledge

Preferences

Spiritual Beliefs

Mistrust



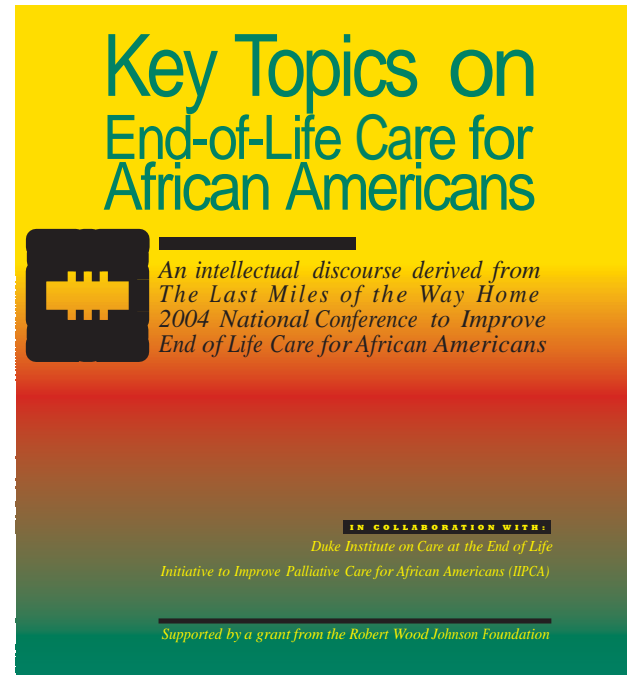
Changing the Model: Let's Have It All

EVOLVING MODEL OF PALLIATIVE CARE



BEST PRACTICES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Raise Awareness



African-American Outreach Guide

Last Miles of the Way Home

Improve Patient/Family and Provider Communication

Raising Awareness Where We Live, Work, and Worship



Harlem's Project Hope



Raising Awareness Where We Live, Work, and Worship

Creating An Unbroken Circle of Care in Your Congregation teaches and supports faith-based congregations.



Partnerships: A Little Help from Our Friends



Circles of Care

Partnerships: It Takes a Village

Balm in
Gilead



Harlem
Palliative
Care
Network

A Tale of Two Different Experiences with Serious Illness



Racial and Ethnic Disparities

Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health is the most shocking and inhumane.

— Martin Luther King

