

IMPLICATIONS OF RACIAL HEALTH DISPARITIES: RACE-BASED PHARMACEUTICALS



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What Are Health Disparities?

- ▣ Health differences between groups of people
- ▣ AKA health inequalities
 - Gaps in quality of health and health care across racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups
 - Can be based on cultural differences and sexual preference as well
- ▣ Involves
 - quality of treatment among groups
 - biological trends among groups

Who's Involved?

- In US, well documented in minority populations
 - African Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, and Latinos
- Higher incidence of chronic disease, higher mortality, and poorer health outcomes when compared to whites
 - Cancer incidence among African Americans 10% higher than among whites
 - African Americans and Latinos at about two times the risk as whites of developing diabetes
- Minorities have higher rates of cardiovascular disease, HIV/AIDS, and infant mortality than whites