

Why Do Black Women Have a Higher Risk of Breast Cancer At a Young Age? — with Audio Descriptive Transcript

Audio Descriptive Text

- Why do black women have a higher risk of breast cancer at a young age?
 - Question shown with logos for the United States Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Dr. Temeika Fairley providing feedback regarding younger African American women getting more diagnosis with early breast cancer.
- Bring Your Brave logo.

Video Summary

CDC experts answer some frequently asked questions young women have about breast cancer and breast health. Watch Dr. Temeika Fairley, Senior Health Scientist at CDC, to find out what she wants young black women to know about their risk of breast cancer.

Audio Script

I don't think we really know the full answer to that question right now, and that's hard because it's personal to—it's personal to me. But what we do know is that younger women who are African American tend to be diagnosed with early breast cancer more often than their counterparts.

And so for that reason, we'd like for young African American women to—One, be aware of what your breasts normally look and feel like and follow up with your doctor if you notice something not quite right. And the second thing, go ahead and have those conversations with your family members to learn more about what your cancer history is and what your family's cancer history is.