Abstract

In the United States, black mothers are dying four times as often as white mothers. To understand this phenomenon, a model was created using deductive reasoning and the Social Ecological Model to develop the many factors that attribute to the drastic death of black mothers. There are five areas of analysis for black maternal mortality: social determinants, adversely affected health, institutional biases, compounding national issues, and culture identity, and they are all divided into subsections that analyze these factors in greater detail. While this is an incredibly complex and deeply rooted problem within the United States, solutions are presented that serve as a spring board to make a difference, so that black mothers can stop fearing that death can come as soon as she gives life.

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