

# These patients have the same condition, but their treatment may be different



## Help Understand Why

Practicing clinicians are concerned about studies that show racial and ethnic differences in the type of treatments different racial groups receive for lung cancer<sup>1</sup>, renal disease<sup>2</sup> and coronary artery disease<sup>3</sup>. These differences persist even when comparing “apples to apples”—patients of the same gender, with the same condition, and similar age, income and insurance.

While there are many possible factors that could account for racial disparities in health care, physicians and the health care systems in which they operate are key to making sure that all patients get the very best care.

We are asking you, the experts who work daily with patients or are involved in clinical research, to be a part of the solution.

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- Order a free copy of a review of the evidence on racial/ethnic differences in cardiac care
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