There has been remarkable progress in understanding, preventing, detecting, diagnosing, and treating cancer, resulting in a reduction of cancer incidence and mortality in the United States. Despite this, the cancer burden varies considerably by race/ethnicity and socioeconomic status. Cancer incidence rates vary markedly between racial/ethnic groups, but even more startling are the differences in outcome across groups.

Cancer Disparities: Causes and Evidence-Based Solutions helps readers understand the scope and causes of this inequity by providing a detailed analysis of the many factors that result in cancer disparities across the cancer continuum, including the role of race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, access to and use of services, insurance status, geographic variables, and differences in treatment provided to patients.

Further, it is the first book to describe evidence-based, concrete solutions that can be used to reduce or even eliminate cancer health disparities. Fifteen previously unpublished studies of interventions designed specifically to achieve health equity are described. These studies focus on contextually and culturally-appropriate strategies to enhance cancer prevention, screening and early detection, treatment, symptom management, and quality of life in underserved populations.

A wide range of populations (including African American, Native American, Latino, and other groups) are included within the studies, and a variety of cancers including breast, colorectal, prostate, cervical, and lung cancer are the focus of the interventions.

Descriptions of interventions include measures of effectiveness, and are written in sufficient detail for other groups/readers to replicate and/or adapt them within their own communities.

Several chapters are written by faculty of the American Cancer Society and their collaborators, well-respected and widely published authorities in their field. The intervention studies were conducted by nationally respected experts who competed successfully in the prestigious and highly competitive national Peer Review System of the American Cancer Society.

KEY FEATURES

- Offers an in-depth look at the latest research regarding cancer disparities
- Presents 15 never-before-published, evidence-based interventions that readers can replicate
- Provides real-life examples of how barriers to cancer prevention, care, and information can be reduced or eliminated through interventions with individuals, groups, communities, health care systems, and policy change
- Includes interventions for African American, Latino, Native American, and other populations
- Written by highly respected and published cancer researchers