Greater public health efforts are needed in Black communities

Hypertension plays a large role in heart disease and stroke as well as Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias. More effort is needed to reduce the high rates of hypertension among Black people.

There is a need to expand dental care to Black communities

Tooth decay and Tooth loss are risk factors for various chronic diseases such as heart disease as well as Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias.

Targeted, coordinated and culturally appropriate healthcare and education should be prioritized in Black communities for:

Black communities need concentrated cancer outreach and education

An increase in awareness and outreach would help provide access to screenings for colorectal cancer and prostate-specific antigen or PSAs.

Creative coordinated solutions through multi-agency collaboration are needed to address social determinants of health that significantly contribute to health disparities in older Black people.