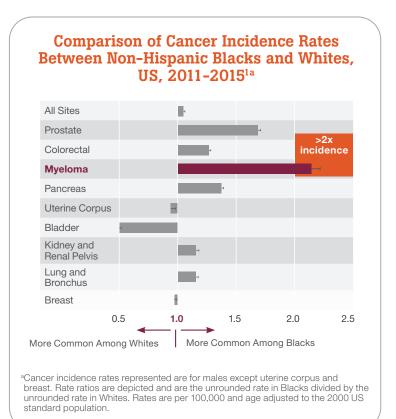




Multiple myeloma is one of the malignancies with the greatest disparity in incidence and prevalence between African Americans and White Americans.<sup>1,2</sup>

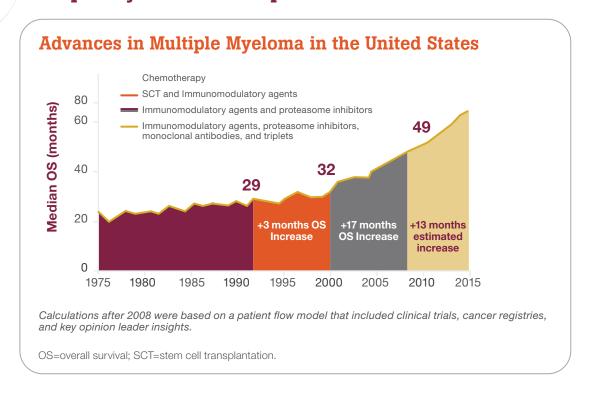
Actual multiple myeloma patient.

- Multiple myeloma is the second most common hematologic malignancy in the United States, and the most common hematologic malignancy for African Americans<sup>3,4</sup>
- African Americans represent 13.4% of the US population and 20% of patients with multiple myeloma<sup>5,6</sup>

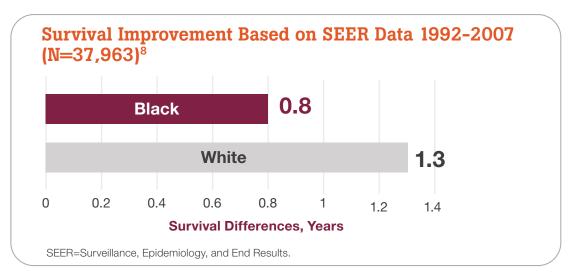


Standing in the Gaap was created to help spread the word about how multiple myeloma affects African Americans, in order to improve the care they receive.

## Over the last decade, survival in patients with multiple myeloma has improved<sup>7</sup>



## African Americans have had a smaller improvement in survival compared with White patients<sup>8</sup>

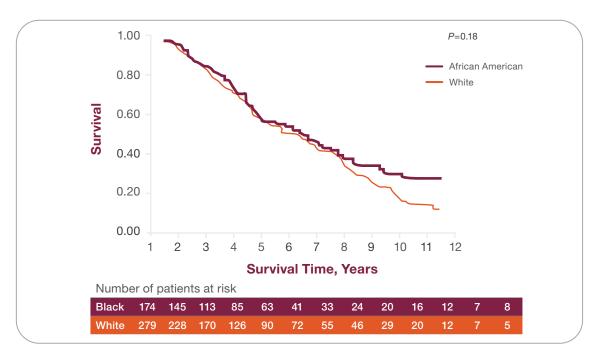


African Americans may lack access to the same care as White patients<sup>6,9,10-12</sup>

- African Americans are less likely to undergo stem cell transplant<sup>10</sup> and to receive triplet therapies for multiple myeloma<sup>11</sup>
- African Americans are underrepresented in multiple myeloma clinical trials<sup>6,12</sup>

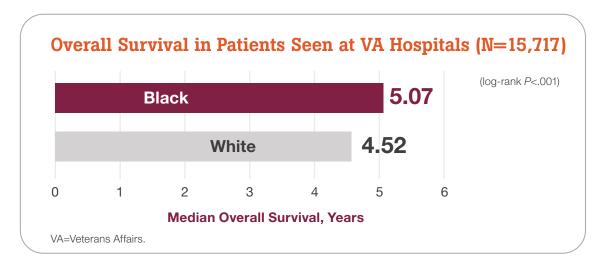


### After SCT, African Americans achieved similar outcomes as Whites<sup>13</sup>



• A single-institution retrospective study showed that while African American patients experienced a delay in time from diagnosis to transplantation, they still had similar overall survival rates to White patients<sup>13</sup>

### With equal access to treatment, African Americans achieved better outcomes<sup>14</sup>



 A study of patients seen at VA hospitals showed that with equal access to care, overall survival may be superior within African American patients when compared with White patients<sup>14</sup>

#### How can you Stand in the Gaap?

Empower patients and encourage shared decision-making

- Provide multiple myeloma education for patients by using credible sources online
- Keep patients informed about support groups and community resources
- Educate eligible patients about transplant and what is meant by transplant



Actual multiple myeloma patient.

Work with your staff to leverage all available resources

- Help familiarize your staff with available patient resources and assistance programs
- Identify opportunities for patient assistance (ie, social workers, nurse navigators)
- Inform your staff about local transplant centers

# For more information, ask your local representative for information on Standing in the Gaap webinars.



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