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Supporting Prostate Health in the Black Community

Happy Thursday, Mount Sinai Community,

In the United States, prostate cancer is the second-most-common form of cancer in men, behind only skin cancer. About one in eight U.S. men will develop prostate cancer at some point in their lives, and one in 40 will die of prostate cancer.

For Black men, the risk is even higher. Research indicates that Black men are 70 percent more likely to develop high-risk prostate cancer than white men. Surprisingly, Black men are more than twice as likely to die of the disease.

At Mount Sinai, we are not accepting this disparity—we are addressing it, by improving access to screenings and treatment for Black men in New York. Earlier this month, our Milton and Carroll Petrie Department of Urology launched the [Mount Sinai Robert F. Smith Mobile Prostate Cancer Screening Unit](#), with the help of [One Hundred Black Men](#), to support prostate health and to address the disproportionately high incidence of prostate cancer in the Black community.

Mount Sinai's mobile unit, made possible by a generous donation from Vista Equity CEO and philanthropist Robert F. Smith based on the vision of Ash Tewari, MBBS, MCh, Chair of Urology for the Mount Sinai Health System, brings state-of-the-art imaging equipment and specialized staff directly to the communities that need them most. Early detection and diagnosis are the best ways to maintain good prostate health, and with this mobile unit, Mount Sinai is raising awareness of the disparities Black men face and increasing access to care.

Click on the image to [watch the launch](#). The mobile unit will be making the following stops throughout the month of May, with additional dates planned for the coming months:



- **Wednesday, May 11:** Wagner House NYCHA Food Distribution, 421 East 120th Street, New York, New York, 10035
- **Friday, May 13:** Canaan Baptist Church, 132 West 116th Street, New York, New York, 10026
- **Saturday, May 14:** CHJI Cultivating Healing & Justice Prostate Cancer Walk, 23-79 Veterans Memorial Park, Otisville, New York, 10963
- **Sunday, May 15:** New Dimension Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1062 Winthrop Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11212
- **Saturday, May 21:** Health Summit, 27 West Fulton Ave, Roosevelt, Long Island, 11575
- **Sunday, May 22:** Christian Fellowship Church, 777 Schenectady Ave, Brooklyn, New York, 11203
- **Tuesday, May 24:** Williams Institutional CME Church, 2239 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Boulevard, New York, New York, 10027

For more information on the mobile unit and services offered through the Department of Urology at Mount Sinai, click [here](#).

As always, we welcome you to join us at an upcoming event.

All the best,

Angela and Shawn



Join Us for an Upcoming Event

Black Health Matters Spring Health Summit: Join the Mount Sinai Department of Urology and presenter Derrick A Butts, President and Co-Founder of the Prostate Cancer Awareness Alliance, for the [Black Health Matters Spring Health Summit](#) on **Saturday, April 30, from 9 am to 5 pm** at Riverside Church, 490 Riverside Drive, New York, New York, 10027.

Chats for Change *Racism x Mental Health Part II: Disparities in Access to Mental Health Care*: Join Ashley Michelle Fowler, MEd, and Alicia Hurtado, MD, on **Tuesday, May 3, from noon to 1 pm** for a conversation on access to high-quality mental health care in Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) communities. Rates of mental illness in African Americans are similar to those of the general population. However, only one in three African Americans who need mental health care receive it. Join us as we examine the barriers to healthcare and consider equitable solutions. [Register here](#).

The Color of Care Documentary: On **Sunday, May 1**, Oprah Winfrey and the Smithsonian Channel are releasing a [documentary on racial disparities](#) in the health care system, titled *The Color of Care*. [Click here for more information](#).

Road Map for Action

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