

How did this happen?

How did this happen to Melissa?

As healthcare professionals, We know that patients die.

But some deaths are preventable,
Foreseeable.

Research shows that 80% Of deaths of
Black birthing people are preventable.

Furthermore, The maternal death rates for
Black birthing people are almost three
times that of white birthing people.

In Minnesota, We are proud of our healthy
communities and the health care we
provide.

We might even think that this inequity for
Black birthing people exists in other parts
of the country but can't imagine it
happening here.

Unfortunately, The data show that Black
birthing people have been suffering and
dying at higher rates than white birthing
people for decades in Minnesota.

THE **AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION** AND THE **AMERICAN COLLEGE OF NURSE MIDWIVES** AGREES WITH **THE CENTER FOR ANTIRACISM RESEARCH FOR HEALTH EQUITY** IN LINKING THE ROOT CAUSE OF THESE INEQUITIES TO STRUCTURAL RACISM.

“TO BE CLEAR, STRUCTURAL RACISM EXISTS IN THE U.S. AND IN MEDICINE, GENUINELY AFFECTING THE HEALTH OF ALL PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE OF COLOR AND OTHERS HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED IN SOCIETY.”

— *AMA CEO AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
JAMES MADARA, MD.*

This is not opinion or conjecture, it is proven in numerous studies, through the science and in the evidence.



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