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It's the Skin You're In: Why African Americans Live Sicker and Die Younger



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In 21st century America, African Americans live sicker and die younger than any other ethnic group in the nation. Despite remarkable post-civil rights gains in virtually all areas of life, black infants are still twice as likely to die before their first birthday compared to white babies. Dr. Thomas LaVeist will outline this disturbing public health phenomenon and explore what can be done about it.



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