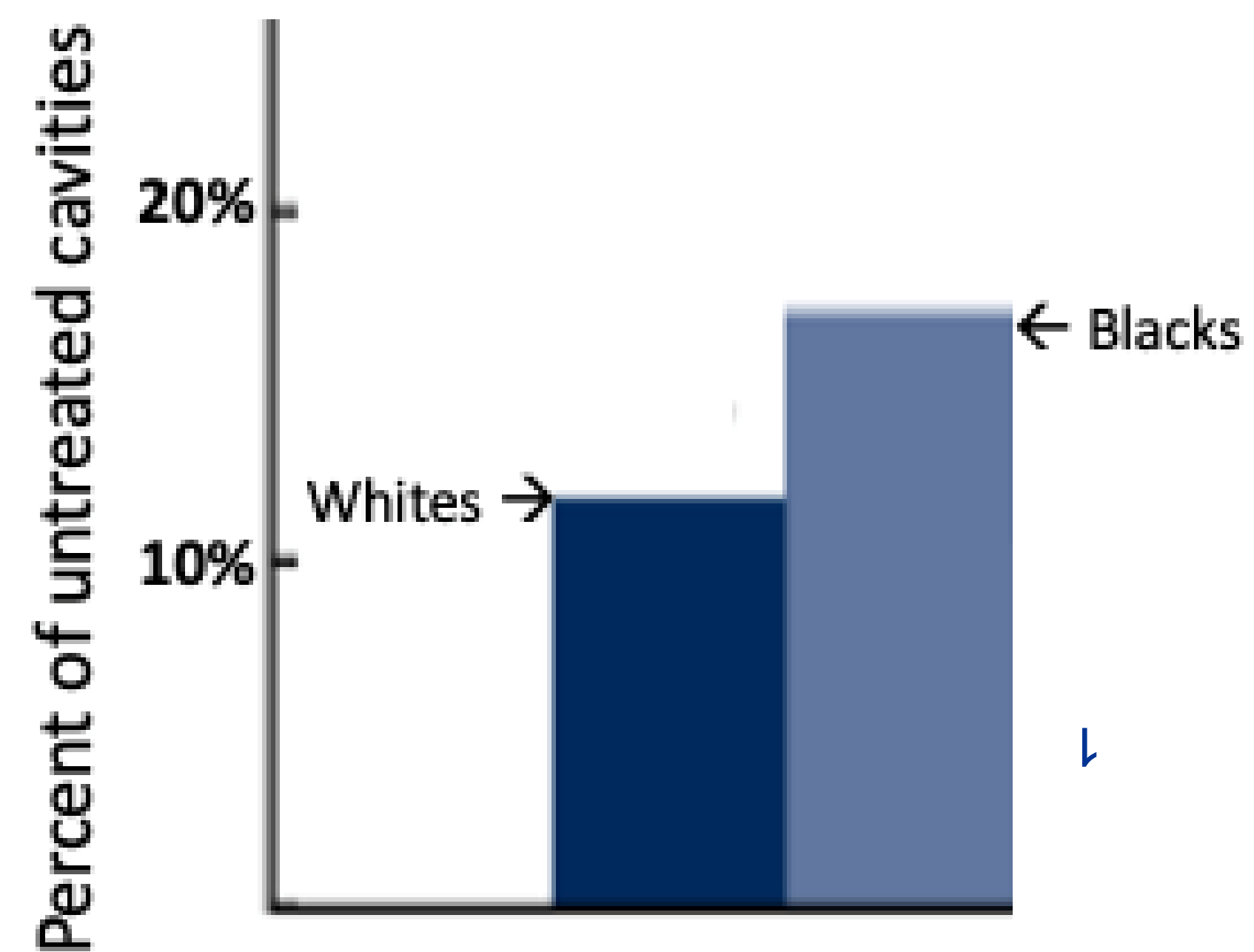


Homewood:

- Predominantly Black neighborhood in Pittsburgh
- High need for investment in oral health services

Relevance:

- More Blacks have untreated tooth decay compared to whites
- Even wider gap for low-income families



- Many adolescent behaviors contribute to tooth decay



Virtual Adolescent Oral Health Education Program for the Homewood Community

- Improve oral health knowledge in adolescents aged 12 - 17
- Provide an **engaging** and **accessible virtual** oral health education

Developed by the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine in collaboration with the University of Pittsburgh Community Engagement Center in Homewood with aid from the Pitt Center for Teaching and Learning



Project Description:

- Virtual presentations on oral health education tailored to Black adolescents:
 - Smoking, diet, hygiene, vaping



Potential Impact:

- Improved oral health



Healthy Smiles = Beautiful Smiles

- Potential to implement this program in other predominantly Black communities with persistent oral health disparities

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