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In Search of Critical Care

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**Explores the existing inequities within the U.S. healthcare system and the process of seeking and obtaining care for Black women.**

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Explores the existing inequities within the U.S. healthcare system and the process of obtaining care.

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Focuses on life-saving healthcare for Black women.

Provides insights about the way that the healthcare system works from the perspective of a critically ill patient.

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