

# BLACK, SPEAK



# Session 3

Pharma and Patient Advocacy Collaboration: Strengthening Best Practices





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The Advocate Perspective: The Truth About Diversity and Clinical Trials

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# The Advocate Perspective: Diversity and Clinical Trials – From Admiring to Action

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Beauty. Strength. Transformation.



# We Must Move from Admiring the Problem to Ignite Action for Inclusive Clinical Trials

#### **Barriers**

**Distrust** 

Logistics

Access

Fear

**Financial** 

Employment issues

Mental health

Sexual health

Co-morbidity issues

Interests of people of childbearing age

HCP is unaware of trials

Stigma

Patients diagnosed too late to qualify

Rigid inclusion/exclusion criteria

Health literacy

Culturally / linguistically sensitive patient education about clinical trials

Address patient concerns

Patients' rights and risks

Implicit/Explicit bias



### **Opportunities**

Build trusted partnerships with People before they are patients

Embedded CBO, FBO engagement and trusted BIPOC providers

Authentic patient engagement with all clinical trial stakeholders

Community input for all phases of drug development

Provide opportunities for learning more about clinical Trials, where the trials are located and the hope that they bring to people and communities

Educate HOPs on clinical trials and their benefits

Build Centers of Excellence at Community and Local Health Centers for diagnosis, biomarker testing and treatment

Policy commitments and accountability





### Partnering to Address Barriers

Partner with all Stakeholders, including Sponsors, Sites, Systems & Contract Research Organizations (CROs

### **Sponsor Engagements**

Let us Lead. Engage patient every step of the way as leader/driver within the clinical trial ecosystem for BIPOC patients to support inclusive clinical trials (and research in general)

The Patient is the Customer. Design around our needs and deliver a memorable consumer experience (Think Nordstrom, Amazon, Walmart, Uber



#### **CRO/Site Engagements**

Accelerate inclusive best site practices and drive convenings of clinical trial site leaders in BIPOC communities, health systems and cancer centers working with CROs, sponsors, CBOS/FBOs, Oncology Nurse Organizations and other stakeholders

Stand up sites for sustainability and success

**Deliberately address Barriers** to clinical trials and SDOH with BIPOC patients. Implement solutions to address structural barriers in specific geo-targeted geo locations – 20 cities

### **Policy Change**

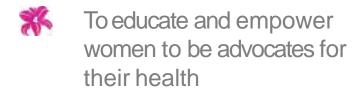
Advocate for policy change – invest, pilot test, replicate on state and national level.







## **Tigerlily's Evolving Mission**



To partner with communities,
Sponsors and healthcare
entities to reduce barriers and
create a more inclusive clinical
research ecosystem

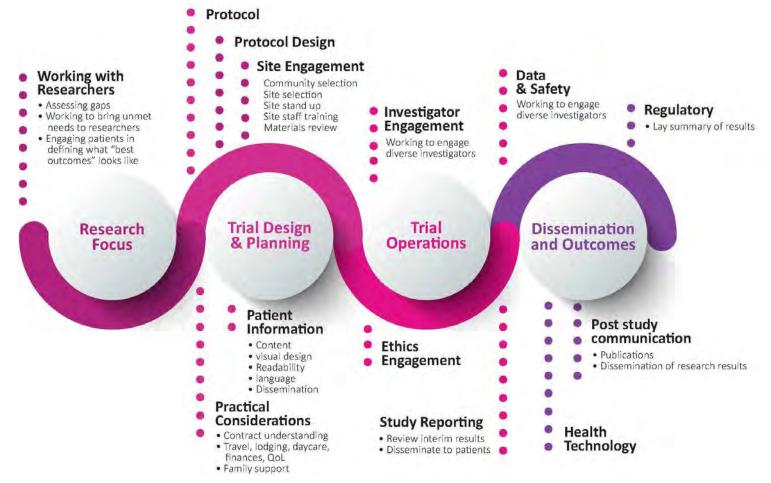
To lead and build a pragmatic advocacy framework that includes women in all communities to represent breast cancer and clinical trial participation







# Tigerlily Foundation is working with stakeholders to engage patients at every intersection throughout the clinical trial journey







# Tigerlily Foundation's Roar for Inclusive Clinical Trials



# TLF Action for inclusive clinical trials by the numbers

**28** 

Initiatives in Action

**12** 

Initiatives in Active Planning





### TLF's Roar for Inclusive Clinical Trials

### Goal:

To dismantle barriers by driving transparency, brokering authentic partnerships, exposing and replicating best practices in the clinical trial ecosystem

To foster trust and increase access to clinical trials for those individuals most in need ---to ensure the representation of BIPOC communities in clinical trials.

#### Our Strategy has four major themes or pillars:





**People - Multiply** 

**Capacity Building** 





**Multi-stakeholder Best Practices** 

**Policy** 





### TLF Actions by Strategic Theme - "The Roar"

- Training Black patients/advocates in 20 cities on Clinical Trials
  - Healthcare is self care
- Trusted Angel engagement and navigation with BIPOC patients and caregivers with focus on 21 High risk metro areas/regions
- 5 Pilot Cities with ANGEL Leads





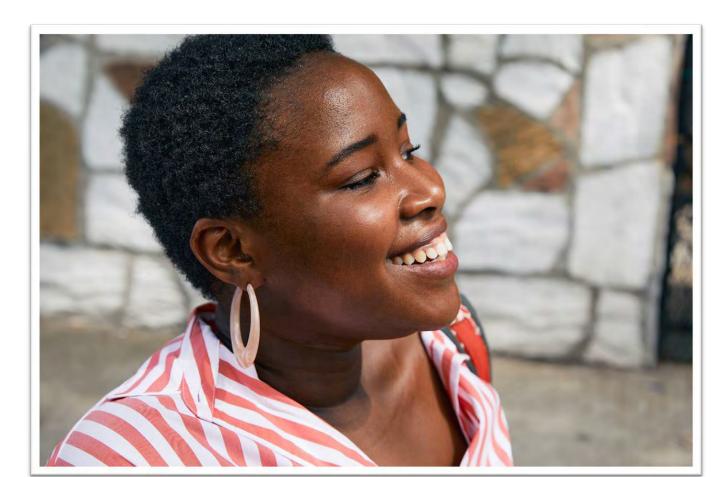


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### The People





## TLF Actions by Strategic Theme- "The Roar"

### **Capacity Building**









TLF Actions by Strategic Theme-"The Roar"

The Multi-Stakeholder
Best Practices





# TLF Actions by Strategic Theme- "The Roar"

### The Policy

- Worked with FDA on diversity plan inputs
- Working with sponsors on diversity plans
- Engage with NCI Cancer Center Outreach Leaders and nationalize alignment with FDA guidance
- The Diverse Act-Letter writing campaign with BIPOC patients supporting clinical trial and health equity initiatives
- Federal and State Level Policy Partnerships







### "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

- Helen Keller

We must move past the past and create a present that leads to a better future.

- Maimah Karmo





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