



Health Disparities Town Hall: Year 2

Problem Statements

PERCEPTION

- 1. Patients & Caregivers:** Provider misperceptions and assumptions about patients and caregivers can lead to delayed diagnoses, and young patients often do not have the communication tools to advocate for themselves.
- 2. Healthcare Providers:** Healthcare providers may lack awareness of cultural differences and/or be unfamiliar with research & data about diverse AYA patient populations, and therefore may not effectively meet specific patient needs.
- 3. Non-Profit Professionals:** Non-profit professionals may hold biases and misperceptions about the communities they seek to serve.
- 4. Industry Professionals:** AYA patients feel overlooked & undervalued by industry professionals.

REPRESENTATION

- 1. Patients & Caregivers:** Patients and caregivers from historically marginalized communities often lack support that reflects their background and resources tailored to their specific needs.
- 2. Healthcare Providers:** Some healthcare providers from historically marginalized communities work in psychologically unsafe environments and experience bias and microaggressions which can impact their ability to serve patients.
- 3. Non-Profit Professionals:** Many non-profit organizations lack diversity in staff and/or leadership which inhibits their ability to support and connect with historically marginalized communities.
- 4. Industry Professionals:** AYA patients do not feel represented as stakeholders in partnership with industry.

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TRANSITION

- 1. Patients & Caregivers:** Patients and caregivers don't receive enough communication or information between each stage in the cancer journey, which leads to confusion, identity loss, and deteriorated quality of life.
- 2. Healthcare Providers:** Many AYAs do not receive resources from HCPs at the most critical times, and therefore end up researching and seeking support on their own.
- 3. Non-Profit Professionals:** AYA cancer nonprofits serve different age ranges, which leads to confusion and isolation among AYAs when seeking appropriate resources.
- 4. Industry Professionals:** Medical and corporate jargon used in patient-facing literature can lead to confusion among AYA patients & survivors when seeking medication, clinical trials, & insurance and lead to distrust towards industry.