

ABOUT

Are you diagnosed with breast cancer? You do not have to navigate through this journey alone. Welcome to The Chrysalis Initiative where you can access mentorship and resources through our Chrysalis Cancer Coaching Curriculum. You are matched with a breast cancer coach to guide you through all the challenges and complexities that come with a breast cancer diagnosis to help you receive comprehensive breast cancer care and reduce your vulnerability to disparities. Our focus is to support and educate you and your unique experiences and needs:

When compared with White women, implicit bias, and structural racism result in a 40% higher rate of mortality from breast cancer in Black patients. Black women are often diagnosed at later stages when treatments are limited, costly or prognosis is poorer; and are often diagnosed younger with more aggressive breast cancers.

Breast cancer disparities is a multi-layered and complex issue, a blend of numerous contributing factors including personal risk, inherited or genetic risk, social determinants of health, healthcare delivery barriers, and implicit biases.

The Chrysalis Initiative was established in 2019. We work to help you address any breast cancer disparities and breast health inequities. Our aim is to provide you with education and barrier intervention that will help you reduce the impact of existing inequalities in breast cancer outcomes.

The Chrysalis Initiative Cancer Curriculum ensures that you are knowledgeable on a comprehensive cancer model that should be the optimal care attained from your cancer team.

ABOUT THE NUMBERS

There are **276,480** new estimated cases of breast cancer every single year (SEER 13).

About **12.9%** of women will be diagnosed with breast cancer during their lifetime (SEER).

3,577,264 women are estimated to be living with breast cancer in the United States (SEER).

Racial disparities are observed in luminal tumors and are most pronounced among Black women of high socioeconomic status. Black women tend to be diagnosed younger and with more aggressive breast cancers than their white counterparts (CDC and NIH).

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Download the BC NAVI App and Dashboard



This app is to provide you with support regarding your knowledge of the Chrysalis Cancer Curriculum. It also helps you track your continuum of care and provides dashboard reporting to your oncology support teams within the center to increase capacity and engagement.

Download the BC Spotlight App



This app is a platform where you can share your experiences with other Black patients (and other disparity groups) at various centers to encourage transparency and accountability for providers. You also get access to information and resources.

Sign up for Virtual Learning Management Module



Sign up for the learning management system to get access to program materials, including PowerPoint presentations, handouts and interactive participant materials for the Chrysalis Cancer Curriculum as well as online courses and content.

Donate today



Donate today to the Chrysalis Initiative so you can help address disparities and contribute to providing resources for these communities.

FOUNDER Jamil Rivers



Jamil was once in your shoes! She was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer de novo at the very young age of 39. With the determination to fight and be available for her children, husband, and family, she researched vigorously to discover how best she can prepare and learn all she needed to know about breast cancer to survive for her family and herself. She is doing well today, thanks to chemotherapy coupled with improving her nutrition with food and supplements. Jamil also incorporates integrative therapies. She believes that the research she did prepared her to seek out the optimal and comprehensive breast cancer care. The Chrysalis Initiative was born from Jamil's experiences offering requested advice and guidance to women on how to thrive with breast cancer, as she was actively receiving chemo herself. She became an advocate to use her voice and experiences to help advance legislative policy, medical research, and customize support to better meet the needs of individuals who have breast cancer, particularly metastatic and Black patients (and other disparity groups). Jamil is Board President of METAvivor Research and Support, Inc. She is a Young Advocate Alum, Board Member of Living Beyond Breast Cancer and Advisory Chair of the Knowledge is Power: Understanding Black Breast Cancer Series. She is a policy science and health equity advocate and metastatic advisory committee member with Susan G. Komen. In addition, she is a member and patient advisor of the Metastatic Breast Cancer Alliance. Jamil also serves as a proposal reviewer for the Breast Cancer Research program with the Department of Defense and a Project LEAD graduate. She launched The Chrysalis Initiative which provides mentoring and source navigation to women like you who are living with breast cancer and engage in outreach to educate Black women and other disparity groups to assess their breast cancer risk. She has participated in numerous community health events. These events facilitated the design and funding of two metastatic clinical trials, and gave her the opportunity to meet with leadership within the PA governor's office and congressional leaders in D.C. Jamil also testified to the FDA and connected many women with resources for screenings, treatment, and support. She has been featured in People Magazine, the Philadelphia Inquirer, the Philadelphia Tribune, national campaigns for Anthropologie, Novartis, Pfizer and Cancer and Careers, and on CBS News and Good Morning America. Jamil and her husband have three children and reside in Drexel Hill, PA.

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PROGRAMS

Chrysalis Cancer Coaching Curriculum Patient Education

For patients with early stage and metastatic breast cancers. It is designed for people like you, so you can have access to knowledge of a comprehensive model for optimum cancer care.

Chrysalis Cancer Curriculum Industry training

For Nurse Navigators and Oncology Teams. It is designed to help train nurse navigators and medical professionals within cancer teams on a comprehensive cancer model that will ensure that they have all the knowledge needed for optimum cancer care, including the unique needs of patients vulnerable to disparities.

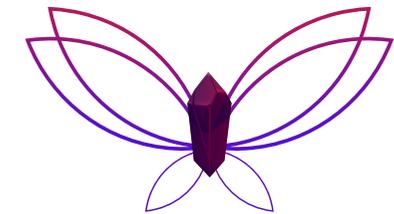
Chrysalis Initiative Cancer Curriculum Advocacy Action Training

For advocates. It trains them on how to move forward with efforts in their communities and expands their understanding of social determinants to advance breast cancer health equity.

Chrysalis Initiative Cancer Curriculum Student Training Program

For students. This training will guide students pursuing careers in cancer care and/or research on health equity and the unique needs of patient populations vulnerable to disparities.

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