LEGEND Valarie Worthy





Valarie Worthy, Patient Navigator Manager, Duke Cancer Institute, Co-Founder, TOUCH (African American women's Breast Cancer Advocacy)

Valarie Worthy's Bio Valarie Clark Worthy, a registered nurse for over 40 years and a 23-year breast cancer survivor, is a Patient Navigator Manager at the Duke Cancer Institute. She manages teams to facilitate seamless care for cancer patients. In 2003, she along with five breast cancer survivors founded the local

chapter of Sisters Network, Inc.; (Triangle NC.). Currently, Valarie is the co-founder of TOUCH, a nonprofit breast cancer advocacy organization for African American women. Valarie is very active in the community (River Durham) and her hometown church, (New Ahoskie Baptist) raising awareness about cancer and clinical trials. Valarie received the American Cancer Society's Lane Adams Quality of Life Award, which recognizes the unsung heroes of cancer care and are referred to as the "warm hand of service.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION for ALL

Faith-Based Ministries and Members learn how to connect with important resources. Corporate Pharma CRO learn to train Stakeholder Community Navigators to increase participation



Ricki Farley, Co-founder, CEO of TOUCH, The Black Breast Cancer Alliance

Ricki Farley is a Stage 3A Triple Negative Breast Cancer Survivor/Thriver. Ricki co-founded and serves as CEO of TOUCH, The Black Breast Cancer Alliance, with the overall goal of reducing the mortality rate for Black women. She founded and serves as co-host for "The Doctor Is In," a weekly live web series on the BlackDoctor.org Facebook page. She's founding member of #BlackDataMatters, in partnership with Breastcancer.org, Morehouse School of

Medicine and the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Ricki serves on the Board of Trustees for the Triple Negative Breast Cancer Foundation, board member for the Center for Healthcare Innovation; and Ambassador and Advisor for the Live Humanly Campaign.



Dr. Tomi Akinyemiju, Associate Professor of Population **Health and Global Health**

Dr. Tomi Akinyemiju is a cancer epidemiologist with research focused on the impact of social and biological factors on cancer-related risk, tumor aggressiveness and survival. Her work has been published in over 130 peerreviewed publications She is currently the PI of two ongoing studies on cancer disparities, intended to prioritize specific modifiable factors that can be targeted to reduce cancer disparities and improve care. In addition

to her research portfolio, Dr. Akinyemiju serves as the Vice-Chair for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) at the Department of Population Health Sciences. She also serves as the Associate Director of Community Outreach and Engagement at the Duke Cancer Institute.











