

Your **VOICE**
and
Your **DATA**
Have **POWER**

Join **iConquerMS** to
ensure your voice and
data can lead to change!

Our understanding of how MS affects Black/African American people is relatively new and constantly evolving. This means that having trust in yourself and advocating for your diagnosis and care is incredibly important, particularly for members of the Black/African American community.

"This diagnosis is new to you, but you are never alone in this battle!"

Toccar Carter
iConquerMS
Member
Diagnosed in
2008



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COME JOIN OUR NETWORK!

iConquerMS is a research network committed to prioritizing patient voices and needs. It is supported by the Accelerated Cure Project, a patient-founded non-profit organization dedicated to accelerating MS research.

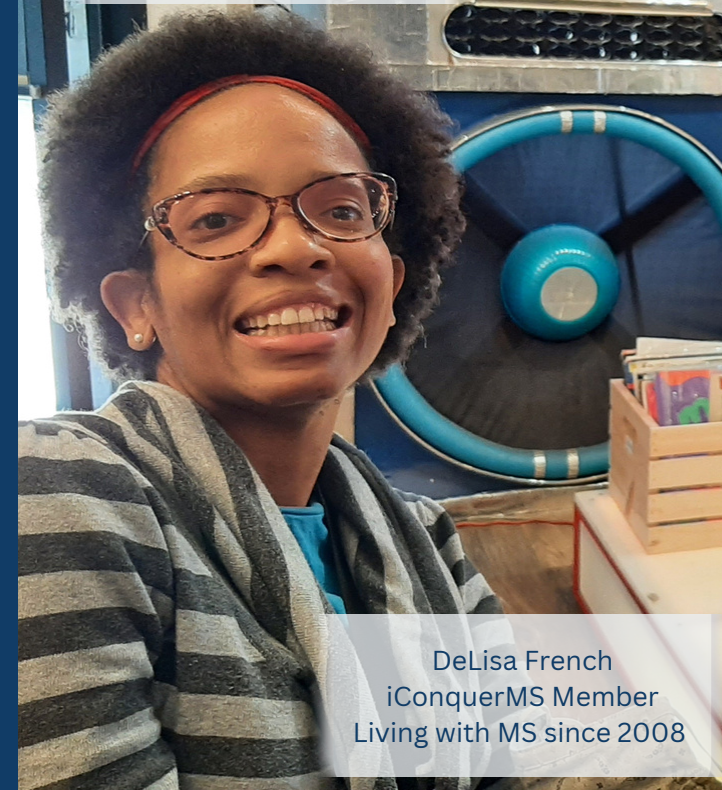
For information on how to join, send us an email or visit us online!

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SCAN ME

"MS will not dim my light!"



DeLisa French
iConquerMS Member
Living with MS since 2008

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**ENSURE THAT BLACK AND
AFRICAN AMERICAN PEOPLE
HAVE A VOICE IN MULTIPLE
SCLEROSIS (MS) RESEARCH!**

This brochure was developed in collaboration with the MS Research Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (RIDE) Council - Black/African American Sub-Council



"As a person with MS, your thoughts and feelings matter! Advocate for them!"

Dimika Cavalier
iConquerMS
Member
Diagnosed in 2019

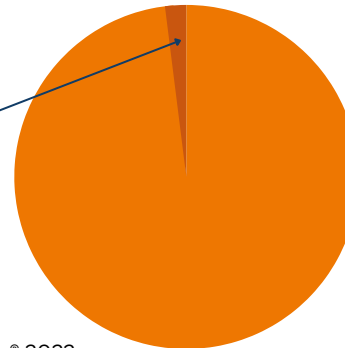
Why is representation in research so important?

Did you know that Black/African American people account for approximately **5% of research participants** despite being **13% of the United States population**?

In MS trials, inclusion of Black people is even lower. A review of recent Phase 3 drug trials found that the median enrollment of Black people in these studies was only 1.9%.

Percentages by reported race:

Black **1.9%**
White **93.8%**
Asian **.05%**
Other **4.25%**



Onuorah et al., Neurology® 2022

Without research representation, it is impossible to know how Black and African American people experience their MS and respond to treatment, medication, or lifestyle change.

There are many ways in which you can contribute to research!

Many people assume that drug trials are the only type of MS research, however this isn't true! Here are a few examples of other ways you can participate through iConquerMS:

- Completing online surveys
- Participating in focus groups
- Sharing lived experiences
- Suggesting research topics
- Providing biological samples
- And more!

What is iConquerMS?

iConquerMS brings together people living with MS, their care partners, researchers and others to understand MS and search for solutions. Curious about how we are making an impact? Here are a few examples:

- **Conducting research** on topics such as vaccine effectiveness, diet and wellness, and improving MS diagnosis.
- **Developing new studies** based on the priorities of people with MS.
- **Sharing information** and resources to improve the lives of iConquerMS members.



"MS tried to slow our community down, but being a part of research allows me to fight back for people of color."

Veronica Daniels-Lewis
iConquerMS
Member
Diagnosed in 1996