

Our Commitment

The Metastatic Breast Cancer Alliance is committed to a Summit environment that is welcoming, respectful, accessible, and centered on people living with metastatic breast cancer. The Unity Summit brings together patients, advocates, caregivers, researchers, healthcare professionals, nonprofit organizations, and industry representatives. Each participant brings a distinct perspective that strengthens the conversation. Consistent with MBCA's core values, participants are expected to engage respectfully, listen openly, challenge ideas thoughtfully, and work together to improve outcomes for people living with metastatic breast cancer.

This Community Agreement applies to all Unity Summit participants, including attendees, speakers, facilitators, sponsors, exhibitors, volunteers, staff, contractors, and guests.

What We Ask of Each Other

Participants are expected to:

- Treat every person with dignity, respect, and consideration.
- Listen to and make room for perspectives that differ from their own.
- Recognize lived experience as a meaningful form of expertise.
- Critique ideas, policies, systems, and practices rather than individuals.
- Communicate openly, honestly, and thoughtfully.
- Avoid interrupting, dismissing, or speaking over others.
- Respect the privacy, boundaries, and personal decisions of patients and caregivers.
- Be transparent about the perspective from which they are speaking, whether personal, professional, organizational, clinical, advocacy, or industry.
- Follow the direction of Summit facilitators and organizers.
- Help create an environment where all participants can contribute meaningfully.

Respectful disagreement is welcome. Personal attacks, dismissive behavior, and questioning the legitimacy of another person's lived experience are not.

Privacy and Confidentiality

Participants may hear personal health information, treatment experiences, or other sensitive stories during the Summit. Do not record, photograph, attribute, publish, or share another person's experience without permission, and do not pressure anyone to disclose information they wish to keep private. Protect participants' identities and honor the confidentiality of any session or discussion designated as confidential.

Participation, Not Promotion

The Unity Summit is designed to support meaningful exchange, learning, and collaboration. Participants may share information about their work, expertise, programs, products, or organizations when relevant. However, Summit sessions, personal conversations, patient stories, and attendee information should not be used primarily to:

- Market products or services.
- Recruit customers or research participants outside approved processes.
- Collect personal or patient information.
- Promote organizational interests at the expense of the Summit's patient-centered purpose.
- Make unsubstantiated medical, scientific, or product claims.

Patient, advocacy, nonprofit, clinical, research, and industry perspectives are all valued. Every participant is expected to contribute in a way that advances the Summit's shared purpose.

A Shared Responsibility

Creating a respectful and patient-centered Summit is a shared responsibility. By participating in the Unity Summit, each participant agrees to follow this Community Agreement and contribute to an environment grounded in respect, trust, openness, accountability, and a commitment to improving the lives of people living with metastatic breast cancer.