

Bio for FDA Patient Engagement Advisory Committee Meeting: October 2020

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Personal Statement

Health & Wellness Educator, Healthcare Advocate, Pain Management Expert, Talk Show Host, Integrative Nutrition Health Coach and Fibromyalgia Warrior.

Necie Edwards is President of Fibromyalgia Patient Education and Support Organization (FPESO), a 501(C) (3) nonprofit organization in Vernon Hills, Illinois. The mission is to educate, inform and provide healthy choices for those inspiring to learn and grow beyond the journey of chronic pain.

She was diagnosed with Uveitis and shortly thereafter with Fibromyalgia, Spondylitis and Type 2 Diabetes. Due to barriers in accessing proper medical care and difficulties connecting with culturally sensitive health care providers. FPESO was created to help empower and educate disenfranchised patients on their rights and responsibilities under the Affordable Care Act; including knowing how to advocate for themselves and take charge of their health: body, mind, and spirit.

A patient advocate leader, keynote speaker, and talk show host, Necie hosts “Fibromyalgia Talks,” on Comcast Cable Public Access in the Chicagoland area featuring conversations with healthcare providers, holistic/complementary medicine practitioners, clergy members, public service officials, and fibromyalgia patients. She also hosts “Pain Free Zone” radio show, on Talk Zone Syndicated Radio featuring interviews with patients, physicians, and other healthcare providers discussing causes of chronic pain and how to overcome it in daily life.

Experience and Leadership

An experienced pharmaceutical industry professional with 14 + years of broad and in-depth experience working for TAP Pharmaceuticals, Abbott Labs and AbbVie in the areas of medical education, digital health, medical education grants, medical devices, and patient advocacy.

She serves as a Support Group Leader for the following organizations:

Spondylitis Association of America
American Chronic Pain Association
Fighting Uveitis

Education

Bachelor of Arts Degree, Trinity International University, Deerfield, IL
Integrative Nutrition Health Coach, Institute for Integrative Nutrition

Necie is extremely passionate about patient advocacy, being behind the lens of her Nikon camera capturing Art for healing and producing digital wellness summits for disenfranchised communities.

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