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Learning Objectives

- **Discuss:**
 - Value of supportive spaces for POC living with diabetes
 - Importance of spotlighting the stories of underrepresented communities to ensure improved outcomes
- **Identify:**
 - Tactics to engage POC and encourage connection to the diabetes space
 - Ways to empower and affirm POC so that they become active participants in their care

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Turn and Talk

- What are some ways you work to create authentically representative and inclusive (diabetes) spaces?
- What are some concerns or pain-points you experience related to this goal?

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The Problem

- Lack of **reliable, real** representation within diabetes-focused Spheres
- Observations from the ground– a seasoned advocate’s perspective

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Why this Matters?

- Pursuit of equitable health outcomes
- POC-specific obstacles require intentional solutions

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Patient-Led Solutions: Elevating the Voices of POC

- Just a Little Suga’/Diabetes* on the Margin
- WOC Diabetes

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Learnings from POC Initiatives

- **Diabetes on the Margin Case Study:**
 - Value of in-person connections
 - Experience of implicit-bias in healthcare
 - Cultivation of self-agency and self-empowerment
 - Need for caring and culturally-relevant health models

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Learnings from POC Initiatives *contd.*

- **Diabetes on the Margin Case Study:**
 - Craft robust solutions in partnership
 - Consider innovative ways to educate community members
 - Activate allies

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What's Next?

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Questions?

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