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# Improving Patient Access to Care - A Journey Through Advocacy and Impact

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# During Treatment: Navigating the System

I was diagnosed on January 27, 2015. Here, and experienced struggles navigating the healthcare system, such as high treatment costs, transportation challenges, and finding supportive care. This period marked a turning point as I began to realize the systemic obstacles patients encounter, particularly in Black and Brown communities. It's also where I started to find my voice as an advocate, motivated by the barriers I was experiencing firsthand.



# Beyond Treatment: Advocacy and Impact

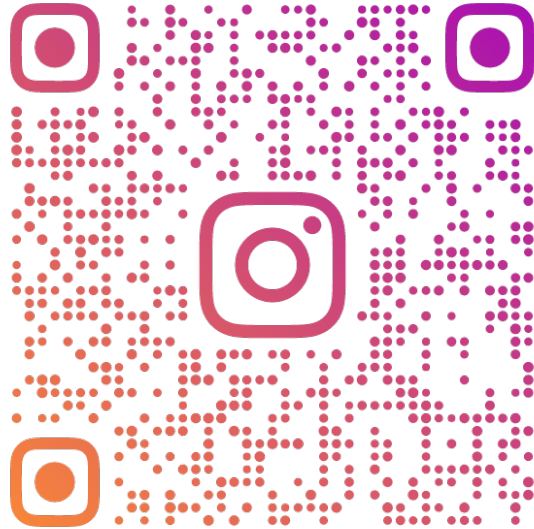
I have become an advocate with Fight Colorectal Cancer, raising awareness for genetic testing and educating communities about colorectal cancer risks, especially within Black and Brown communities in Houston and nationwide.

My story has come full circle, from patient to advocate, with a goal of helping others overcome the barriers I faced.



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