



Patient Advocacy Leaders  
United for Lung Health

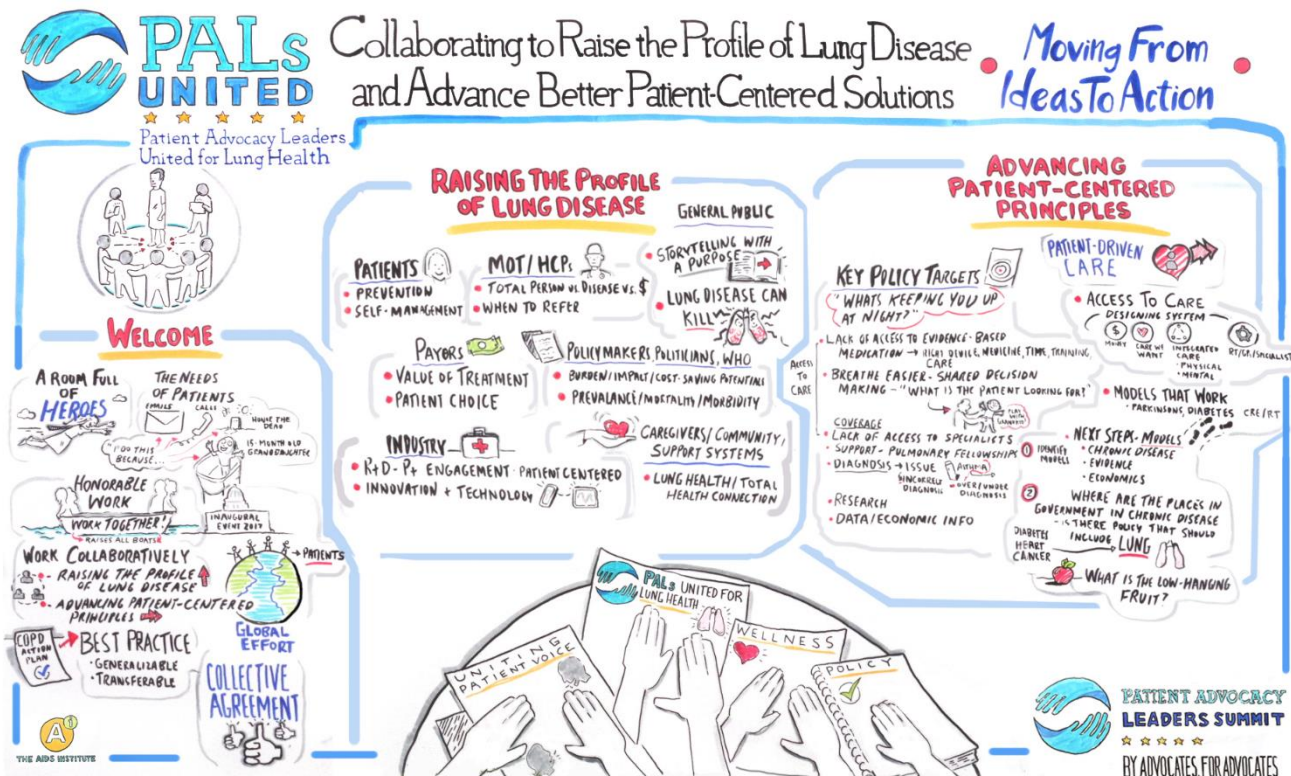
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Over the past year, the lung health advocacy community in the United States has collaborated through **PALs United for Lung Health** to raise and accelerate the dialogue and development of strategies to address health care issues critically important to individuals and families affected by lung illnesses. As a result of a number of discussions, the following **Consensus Statement** has been developed by the **PALs United for Lung Health Network**. These leaders believe this statement can help drive policy and advocacy initiatives designed to improve access to affordable quality health care and treatment for those affected by lung illnesses.

### Consensus Statement

The lung health advocacy community recommends advocacy for two interrelated practices which, when implemented effectively into the health care system, will help improve patient clinical and aspirational outcomes. These practices are **shared decision making** and **patient/family-centered care**. The former focuses on the relationship between provider(s) and patient (including his/her support system) and the latter focuses on a framework for a health care delivery system. Research identifies that the health care system cannot be patient-centered without both patient engagement and patient involvement (shared decision making) in the ‘what’ and in the ‘how’ of care delivery. Therefore, we believe the likelihood for improved lung health outcomes becomes greater when shared decision making is integrated into a person/family-centered delivery system, at all levels, across the health care continuum.

## **Shared Decision Making + Patient-Centered Healthcare = Enhanced Opportunities for Improved Lung Health Outcomes**



PALs United for Lung Health Advocacy Roundtable @ ATS, May 20, 2018



*PALs United for Lung Health is affiliated with the **Patient Advocacy Leaders Summit (PALS)** program and promotes the mission of PALS: To improve the lives of those affected by disease and chronic health conditions by educating and mobilizing health advocacy leaders to work collaboratively in developing impactful policy and advocacy solutions, focusing on the prevention and elimination of disease and chronic health conditions. PALS is convened by The AIDS Institute, with oversight provided by the PALS Advisory Board comprised of advocacy leaders from across the country, who help ensure PALS is By Advocates, For Advocates.*

*The work of **PALs United for Lung Health** is guided by a Steering Committee of advocacy leaders from organizations such as Allergy & Asthma Network, American Lung Association, CHEST Foundation, COPD Foundation, Research!America, and the Alliance for Patient Access.*

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