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Biography

Wunmi Bakare is the Co-Founder of [Sickle Cell Prodigy](#), a patient-driven nonprofit redefining survivorship for individuals living with sickle cell disease who are exploring curative-intent therapies, including bone marrow transplant and gene-based therapy. A pioneering advocate in the rare disease community, she is recognized for advancing inclusion, challenging stigma, and elevating patient voice at the intersection of medicine, media, and community.

Drawing from her lived experience, Wunmi uses strategic storytelling and media engagement to shift perceptions and improve access to culturally responsive care. She serves in advisory roles across leading healthcare and biotech organizations, including the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, the American Board of Medical Specialties, Beam Therapeutics, Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Fulcrum, and Elevate Impact, and holds board positions with the Sickle Cell Knowledge & Information Network, Sickle Cell Disease Coalition, Sickle Cell Disease Partnership, and The Gift of Adoption Fund.

Diagnosed with the severe HbSS form of sickle cell disease in infancy, Wunmi underwent a successful allogeneic stem cell transplant in 2019 through a groundbreaking NIH clinical trial. She is also the Founder of WBPR Agency, where she provides strategic communications counsel across healthcare, advocacy, and corporate sectors.