Cancer Precision Medicine Commons

Health Equity in Biomarker Testing
Expert Insights

Interviews conducted in March-April 2025

Who We Heard From

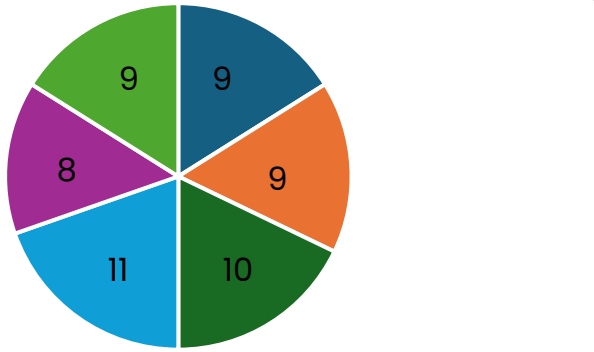
- 6 clinicians
- 1 researcher
- 4 industry reps
- 2 advocacy groups

Most Frequently Mentioned Barriers

- Long wait times for testing and results
- Insurance admin delays and rigid hospital processes
- Patient hesitancy and consent requirements

Communities Experts Serve

Most experts provide care and services for all identified underserved communities



Key Takeaways

- **Goal:** Broaden access and improve patient outcomes
- **Challenges:** Bias, instability, and limited rural resources
- **Systemic Issues:** Slow hospital and insurance processes
- **Advocacy Role:** Educate, build trust, bridge research and care
- **Success Measures:** Patient outcomes, testing access, trial participation

How Experts Define Health Equity

Reducing barriers for remote or underserved populations and ensuring equal access to biomarker testing.

Opportunities & Solutions

- Advocacy builds trust and educates patients & clinicians
- Inclusive research & universal testing reduce disparities
- Navigators help patients access testing, results, and care
- Collaboration across advocacy, healthcare systems, & industry amplifies impact