The National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD®) is the leading independent advocacy organization representing all patients and families affected by rare diseases in the United States. NORD began as a small group of patient advocates that formed a coalition to unify and mobilize support to pass the Orphan Drug Act of 1983. Since then, the organization has led the way in voicing the needs of the rare disease community, driving supportive policies, furthering education, advancing medical research, and providing patient and family services for those who need them most. Together with over 300 disease-specific member organizations, more than 15,000 Rare Action Network advocates across all 50 states, and national and global partners, NORD delivers on its mission to improve the lives of those impacted by rare diseases.

ABOUT NORD’S DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION SERIES FOR NONPROFITS
Ensuring that everyone with a rare disease can access high quality health care, diagnostics, treatment and support has always been at the foundation of NORD’s work. As an umbrella organization, our mission includes representing and supporting our member organizations – and all rare disease nonprofits – to fulfill their missions of advancing research, finding cures, and supporting their rare communities. In continuation with our commitment to DEI – and in response to our members’ interest in this area – NORD has developed a foundational series of webinars and toolkits, to address how marginalized groups are impacted by rare diseases, and what we can all do as leaders in the space to improve the lives of people living with rare diseases.

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