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Dena Battle is the co-founder and President of KCCure, a non-profit organization dedicated to evidence based, patient driven advocacy for kidney cancer. Launched in 2016, KCCure has raised over \$1.5 million for kidney cancer research, established a peer reviewed research grant program, and created a patient centered research program aimed at providing quantitative information about patient preferences and desires related to care and treatment. KCCure communities provide a platform for patients to connect with others, share their stories and have their voice represented in research.



In 2009, at the age of 40, Dena's husband, Chris Battle was diagnosed with metastatic kidney cancer. Together, they began a quest for the best care possible to combat the disease. Chris was treated at four different comprehensive cancer centers, participated in multiple clinical trials, and endured nine different therapies, including off-label treatment. They co-authored the blog Kidney Cancer Chronicles, which was widely read by patients from around the world. After Chris's death in 2013, Dena remained active as a patient advocate.

She began her career in Washington, DC, as a congressional aide, and spent nearly two decades working in economic and health care policy. She has policy expertise in health care reimbursement, tax treatment of benefit plans, and corporate research and development policy.