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Dr. Fleisher is a nationally recognized leader in health communication, patient navigation, implementation science, and health disparities research. She has more than 30 years of experience developing and evaluating patient-centered education programs, digital health tools, tobacco cessation initiatives, and clinical trial access programs. She serves as Vice Chair of the American Cancer Society National Navigation Roundtable and leads multiple implementation science initiatives focused on improving access to quality cancer care.



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Dr. Nestingen is Executive Director of the Navigation Program at MD Anderson Cancer Center. An oncology nursing and operations leader, she has extensive experience designing and scaling navigation services, care coordination, patient access, and intake operations. Her work focuses on improving timely access to cancer are, reducing barriers, measuring navigation outcomes, and advancing sustainable navigation models nationwide.



Linnea Van Pelt, RN, OCN
Patient Services Manager, Cancer Support Services, UNC Health Cancer Center

Linnea Van Pelt leads oncology support services at UNC Health Cancer and oversees patient-centered supportive care resources, cancer care navigation programs, educational services, and patient and family resource initiatives. She is recognized for her work connecting patients and caregivers to comprehensive supportive care services throughout the cancer continuum.



Sylvia Brown, MS, RN, OCN, CNL, ONN-CG
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Sylvia Brown is Director of Oncology Navigation Operations at MD Anderson Cancer Center and an oncology certified nurse leader with more than 18 years of oncology nursing experience, including over 10 years in nurse navigation. She has led the development and implementation of innovative navigation programs, evidence-based orientation curricula, and operational strategies that enhance the patient experience, care coordination, and navigation outcomes. She is an active member of AONN+, ONS, and ACS NNRT. Sylvia is passionate about developing nurse navigators and navigation leaders while ensuring every patient feels supported, informed, and empowered throughout their cancer journey.