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CMS Sign-On Letter Opportunity with American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network Due by September 8, 2023 at 12:00 pm ET

In July 2023, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule that announces and solicits public comments on proposed policy changes for Medicare payments under the Physician Fee Schedule, including increased access to patient navigation services through reimbursement in Medicare.

The American Cancer Society (ACS) and the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) support the administration pursuing this critical first step to further the availability of patient navigation services and strongly encourage Congress to continue to build on this administrative action to seek additional funding approaches to further expand access to patient navigation services, making them widely available to reduce existing barriers to prevent, detect, treat and survive cancer.

If your Organization wishes to sign on after reading the attached letter below, please complete the following ACS CAN CMS Sign-on Letter form by Friday, September 8, 2023 at 12 pm EST

ACS CAN Consensus Letter

ACS CAN CMS Sign-on Letter Form HERE

Are you Registered for September 14th, 2023 from 2-4 PM ET?
ACS NNRT General Membership Meeting
Register NOW!!

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**ACS NNRT 2023 Meeting
On The Path to Sustainability**

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**ACS NNRT 2023
General Membership Meeting**
this will be a Virtual Meeting

Register Here **September 14, 2023**
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm ET

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You Are Invited

American Cancer Society National Navigation Roundtable (ACS NNRT) Fall 2023 Call To Action Series

ACS NNRT Mission

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2023 Call To Action Series

The Call To Action Series will focus on four topics:



Utilizing the Oncology Navigation Standards in Professional Practice, Examples From the Field

September 26, 2023
1 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

This Call To Action session will review the Oncology Navigation Professional Standards of Practice and offer examples from the experience of a clinical nurse, clinical social worker, and patient navigator, working across the continuum of care in a variety of health care settings. Sample job descriptions, orientation, training, and evaluation tools will be offered.



Creating Workforce Development Path

October 26, 2023
2 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

The focus of this Call To Action session is ensuring a workforce development path forward for professional and clinical/ licensed navigators. Participants attending this webinar will learn about resources for creating job descriptions for navigators with specific levels of expertise and for patient navigators to advance their oncology careers and attain a higher level of expertise.



Here's the Evidence Panorama

November 8, 2023
3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

This Call To Action session will provide evidence and research demonstrating that navigation can improve access to the cancer care system by addressing barriers, as well as facilitating quality care with efficacy of patient navigation. Benefits extend beyond benefits to patients and return on investment for the health system.



Pursuing Patient Navigation Policy Landscape

December 6, 2023
2 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

Join us in December 2023 for a Call To Action presentation where we will focus on identifying factors that need to be addressed to better incorporate navigation into health care payment systems.

Scan this QR Code to register for these events.



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2023 Call to Action Webinar Series

Patient Navigation is a proven evidenced-based intervention contributing to the reduction of health care disparities and the improvement of health equity across the cancer care continuum. Yet sustainability of oncology patient navigation programs remains a challenge. The National Navigation Roundtable is hosting a **Call to Action** webinar series examining barriers, standards, and sustainability of oncology patient navigation.

Register HERE



ACS NNRT Steering Committee Nomination Opportunity

ACS NNRT Nominating Committee is currently seeking nominations for the American Cancer Society National Navigation Roundtable Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee provides strategic guidance to American Cancer Society National Navigation Roundtable, (ACS NNRT) through participation in Steering Committee meetings, calls, and the National Meeting. Steering Committee responsibilities include strategic planning, membership approval, oversight of Roundtable projects and general leadership. Serving on the ACS NNRT Steering Committee requires participation in monthly calls, annual meetings and leadership and participation on various projects and work groups.

The term of office for Steering Committee members will be either a two (2) year or three (3) year renewable term. Steering Committee member may be elected to serve for, two (2) consecutive terms.

The term of service is to begin January 2024 and is renewable for one additional term. Nomination applications are submitted, reviewed, and selected for submission to the Steering Committee, by the ACS NNRT Nominating Committee. The slate of candidates will be presented to the Steering Committee at its November 2023 meeting and then shared with the larger ACS NNRT Membership.

Self-nominations are accepted. Preference will be given to candidates and/or organizations who have a history of engagement with the Roundtable. Representatives from our Corporate Associates may not serve on the Steering Committee but may nominate other candidates.

Please note that nominees are not guaranteed a spot on the Steering Committee. We will have four (4) vacancies to fill this year. We are grateful to all individuals who are willing to put themselves forward as nominees. Serving on the Steering Committee is an important commitment, and Steering Committee members play a vital role in the work of the Roundtable.

If you are interested in submitting your name to the Nominating Committee for consideration or would like to nominate someone, please complete and submit the attached application including information about why this individual would be an exceptional candidate for the Steering Committee as well as their CV/resume **by September 28th, 2023** or request form to mail to nnrt@cancer.org.

If you are interested in another form of service, we encourage all members to sign up for a task group or committee.

Additional details about the role of steering committee members, including the time commitment involved, are attached. Feel free to contact nnrt@cancer.org with additional questions.

Thank you!

Chair
Andrea (Andi) Dwyer, BS
ACS NNRT, Chair

Vice Chair
Linda Fleisher, PhD, MPH
ACS NNRT, Vice Chair

[**2023 Nomination Description and Application \(pdf\)**](#)

**2023 Nomination Link is located on
ACS NNRT Website (right side of page)**

Nomination Form

Visit ACS NNRT's [website](#)

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The ACS NNRT is one of the **American Cancer Society's six mission-critical national roundtables**. Learn about the national roundtable model and how these six organizations are uniting organizations in collaborative partnerships to advance their shared visions to give all people a fair and just opportunity to prevent and survive cancer.



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