

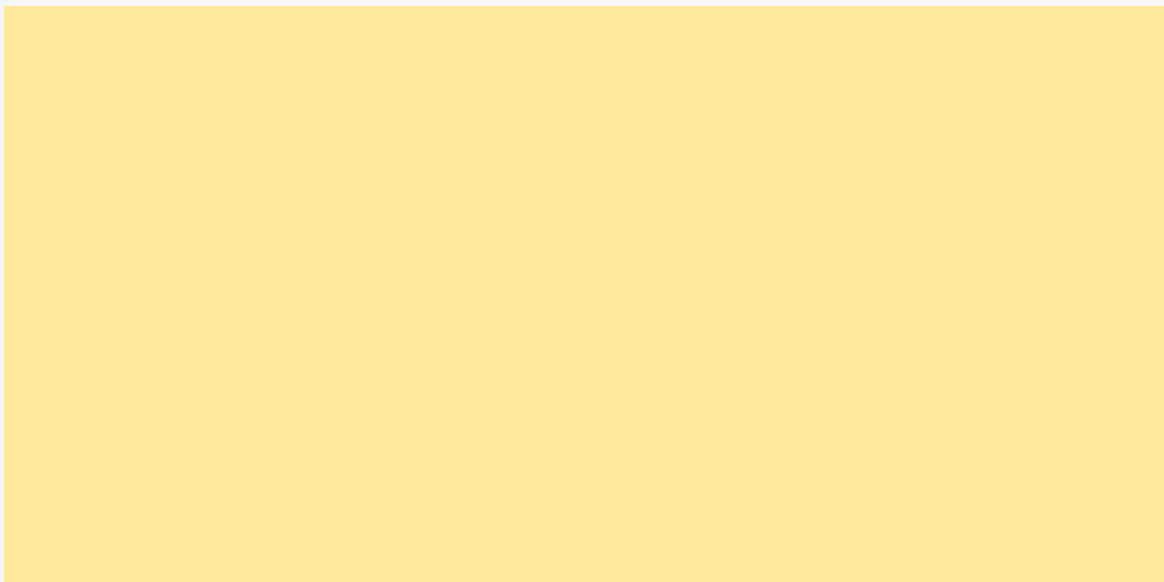


Dedicated To Achieving Health Equity Through Patient Navigation 2024 Kickoff: January Newsletter Extravaganza

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Honoring the Journey of Our Departing NNRT Steering Committee Leaders





Tracy Battaglia,
MD, MPH



Elizabeth Calhoun, PhD, MEd



Sharon Gentry, RN, MSN,
ONN-CG, AOCN, CBCN, CBEC



Elizabeth Franklin, PhD

With Heartfelt Gratitude
& Appreciation

Four NNRT Steering Committee Members' terms come to an end, we wanted to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for Dr. Tracy Battaglia, Dr. Elizabeth Calhoun, Dr. Elizabeth Franklin and Mrs. Sharon Gentry's exceptional dedication and tireless efforts throughout their tenure.

Their contributions have been invaluable in guiding NNRT's success. These four subject matter experts' commitment have made significant impact on NNRT's community, mission, vision and 5-year AIM. Their leadership, passion, and collaborative spirit have set a remarkable example for everyone involved.

We are truly fortunate to have had their caliber on the NNRT Steering Committee for many years. Their guidance and hard work has not gone unnoticed by NNRT members, for the positive changes they have helped bring about.

While their term may be concluding on the NNRT Steering Committee, they have committed to continue in various capacities for NNRT. Your insights and expertise are highly valued, and we look forward to exploring new opportunities to work together in the future.

A note from Linda Fleisher, Co-Chair, ACS NNRT and Chair, Nominating Committee



Please join me in welcoming the new ACS NNRT Steering Committee Members who have begun their two year term this month:

- Jennifer Bires, MSW, LCSW, OSW-C - Inova Schar Cancer, Executive Director, Life with Cancer and Patient Experience
- Emily Gentry, RN, BSN,

On behalf of the Nominations Committee, I would like to acknowledge and thank all the nominees for the 2024 ACS NNRT Steering Committee. It is an exciting time in the field of Patient Navigation. Thus, there was much interest in being engaged the Steering Committee, and it was a competitive process. The Nomination Committee consisted of two present Steering Committee Members and two members of the general ACS NNRT Membership, besides me and Kristina Thomson, NNRT Director. The Committee carefully reviewed each application based on criteria highlighted in the application, created a rubric and presented a slate of candidates that was endorsed by Steering Committee.

HON-ONN-CG, OCN -
Academy of Oncology
Nurse & Patient Navigators
(AONN+)

- Rebecca Kirch, JD - National Patient Advocate Foundation
- Zarek Mena, OPN-CG
- Carmen Stokes, PhD, FNP-BC, RN, CNE - Ascension Health
- Arti Patel Varanasi, PhD, MPH, CPH - Advancing Synergy, LLC

To learn more about NNRT Steering Committee Leaders, please visit: [NNRT Steering Committee](#)

**WELCOME
NNRT New STEERING
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

2024

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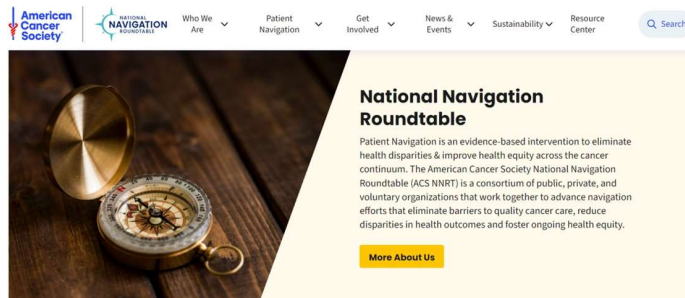
Oncology Navigation Standards of Professional Practice - Oncology Navigation Standards of Professional Practice - SURVEY

The Professional Oncology Navigation Task Force want to hear your thoughts on the Oncology Navigation Standards for Professional Practice!

The Professional Oncology Navigation Task Force (PONT), in partnership with the National Navigation Roundtable, worked to establish the [Oncology Navigation Standards for Professional Practice](#). We want to better understand your familiarity with the Standards and if you have incorporated them into your practice. We also want to understand any barriers you might have faced in utilizing the Standards. This brief [survey](#) is voluntary and should take no longer

than a few minutes to complete. The survey will be open until Friday, February 9, 2024. Thank you for sharing your perspective which will help us keep the Standards updated and reflective of navigation practice.

Revitalized and Refined: Unveiling the New NNRT Website



Exciting News:

We're thrilled to announce a significant milestone in our journey – the refresh of [Your Website]! After weeks of hard work and dedication, we are excited to unveil a brand new look and enhanced features designed with you in mind. *The link to the NNRT website remains the same:*

[American Cancer Society National Navigation Roundtable website](#)

What's New?

- **Sleek Design:** Experience a modern and user-friendly design that makes navigation a breeze.
- **Improved Functionality:** Enjoy faster load times and smoother interactions across the site.
- **Exciting Features:** Discover new features that elevate your NNRT experience.

We hope you enjoy the refreshed experience as much as we enjoyed creating it for you.



Cancer Facts & Figures 2024

Cancer Facts & Figures 2024 published on January 17, 2024, is annually-published by the American Cancer Society on the burden of cancer in the US.

These annual reports provide:

- Estimated numbers of new cancer cases and deaths in 2024 by cancer site and US state
- Current cancer incidence, mortality, and survival statistics
- Information on cancer symptoms, risk factors, early

Cancer Facts & Figures 2024

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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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