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ACS NNRT 2023 General Membership Meeting

this will be a Virtual Meeting

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September 14, 2023

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm ET

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



The American Cancer Society National Navigation Roundtable (ACS NNRT) was established in 2017. The ACS NNRT is a national coalition of 80 member organizations to advance navigation efforts that eliminate barriers to quality care, reduce disparities, and foster ongoing health equity across the cancer continuum. The American Cancer Society provides organizational leadership and expert staff support to the ACS NNRT.

ACS NNRT Steering Committee



The NNRT has adopted a five-year aim to support the creation of a sustainable model for oncology patient navigation to achieve health equity across the continuum of care. This five-year aim is crucial in supporting a vision of high-quality cancer care for all patients. The ability to sustain navigation is especially important in community settings, hospitals and cancer centers with a patient population that experiences significant barriers to accessing and completing treatment, including clinical trials. A key component of achieving this goal is to better understand the current and future state of patient navigation across the cancer continuum.

The ACS NNRT Steering Committee (*above photo*) convened thought leaders from across the country that focus on patient navigation, including representatives from NCI, CDC, ASCO, NCCN, and HRSA. The goal of this meeting was to explore current investment and future plans to deploy activities to sustain patient navigation.

An Action item from this meeting:

We know many are working on regulatory or legislative actions in their respective states. NNRT is interested in learning more about what is happening across the country. Please share with us and let us know what is going on in your state by emailing ACS NNRT staff at NNRT@cancer.org.

Patient Navigation: Did You Know....

CA

A Cancer Journal for Clinicians

Editorial published with American
Cancer Society National Navigation
Roundtable (ACS NNRT)

Evidence-Based Promising Practice Task
Group

*"Isn't there enough evidence on the benefits
of patient navigation?"*

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Colorado Senate Bill 23-002 enabling Medicaid reimbursement for Community Health Workers, Patient Navigators and Promotores de Salud has been signed!

Join either or both webinars:

- **July 10, 2023:** Interested in the Colorado legislative process and lessons learned? Join us July 10, 12-1:30MT. Zoom Link: <https://ucdenver.zoom.us/j/2207956213>
- **July 11, 2023:** How will SB23-002 Be Implemented, Stakeholder Input and Process. July 11, 12-1pm MT. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82328862552>

Read more about the bill in the press release and Colorado Sun Article.

Resources and Webinars:



- **Integrative Oncology Patient Navigator Training**, an initiative provided by the **Smith Center for Health & the Arts**
- Spanish version: **Reducing Financial Toxicity: Tips for Patient Navigators**
- Oncology Patient Navigation to Clinical Trials Webinar Series from **American Cancer Society Patient Navigation Initiative** (*archived*): see all three archived webinar links [HERE](#)
- 12th Annual ACS CAN National Forum on the Future of Health Care [Archived Link](#)
- AONN+ Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas or virtually, November 15-19, 2023. [Registration](#)
- CDC's **National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) and the National**

Volunteer Spotlight

NNRT Leadership News

NNRT is made up of over 100 organizations and in 2023, NNRT Leadership has been presenting at patient navigation conferences across the country with the goal of promoting the PONT Standards and the Patient Navigation Sustainability Assessment Tool, as models for practice.

Thank you to the ACS NNRT volunteers and staff for their contributions and dissemination with

2023 NNRT presentations:

- **Virginia Patient Navigation Network**, presenter: Donna Moore Wilson, MSN, RN, CBCN
- **AONN+ Mid-Year**, presenters: Andrea (Andi) Dwyer, MS and Linda Fleisher, PhD, MPH
- **CanSun** conference, presenter: Kristina Thomson, LCSW
- **ASOW** conference, presenters: Elizabeth Franklin, PhD, MSW and Kristina Thomson, LCSW
- **South Carolina Cancer Alliance** conference, presenters: Sharon Gentry, RN, MSN, ONN-CG, AOCN, CBCN, CBEC and Evan Graboyes, MD, MPH, FACS
- **NIH - COE** webinar, presenters: Linda Fleisher, PhD, MPH, Andrea Dwyer, MS, Angelo Moore, PhD, RN, NE-BC and Elizabeth Rohan, PhD, MSW



Maryland Patient Navigation Network

Arti Patel Varanasi, PhD, MPH, CPH, Co-Chair of the ACS NNRT Workforce Task Group, presented at the Maryland Patient Navigation Network annual conference (*photo*).

Presentation included:

- Overview of ACS NNRT
- Professional Oncology Navigation Task Force (PONT) Standards
- NNRT Workforce Job Roles
- Community Preventive Service Task Force (CPSTF) Community Guide
- Comprehensive Cancer Control Patient Navigation Screenings

*If you are interested in more information or for a possible presentation from ACS NNRT, please email us: nprt@cancer.org

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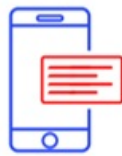
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- Connect one-on-one with trained ACS

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 - 365 days a year.



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Download the ACS CARES app today to get started:



- **Scan the QR code** to download the app for iOS or Android devices.
- **Enter the special access code 259293** and begin using the app.

What We Are Reading:



- **Financial Navigation Can Reduce the Financial Toxicity of Cancer Care**
- **The Association of Community Cancer Centers (ACCC) Fights for Equitable Cancer Care**
- **Integrating Physical Activity into Cancer Care: The Oncology Navigator's Role**
- **Community Preventive Services Task Force Report for Fiscal Year 2022**
- **Financial Navigation Can Reduce the Financial Toxicity of Cancer Care**
- **OSF HEALTHCARE USES AI TO IMPROVE NURSE NAVIGATOR WORKFLOWS**
- **Rural and Urban Divide: The Impact of Geography on Cancer Outcomes**
- **3-in-1 Approach Helps Women in Rural Areas Get Cancer Screenings**
- **Fox Chase Cancer Center Nurse Navigators Improve Patient Services While Also Increasing Patient and Nurse Satisfaction**

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