



Patient Navigation Survey: Reimbursement Codes

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American Cancer Society National Navigation Roundtable Pulse Survey Patient Navigation Reimbursement Codes

The American Cancer Society National Navigation Roundtable (ACS NNRT) is distributing this brief survey to gather feedback regarding current experiences with the new billing codes developed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS/PIN Codes) and the American Medical Association (AMA/ CPT Codes) to support the reimbursement of patient navigation services. Also, the new 2025 physician fee schedule proposal has been published. It can be found at the link below and includes a Request For Information asking for feedback on the PIN codes (*see page 213*).

Link: [https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2024-14828.pdf?](https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2024-14828.pdf?utm_campaign=pi+subscription+mailing+list&utm_medium=email&utm_source=federalregister.gov)

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The ACS NNRT will use the information gathered via the survey to develop recommendations to improve design and uptake of these codes to be shared with CMS. The survey is designed to gather feedback from both institutions, who are and are not currently implementing the new codes.

If possible, we recommend that team members at the same institution coordinate responses and submit a single response to the survey to avoid duplication. Please

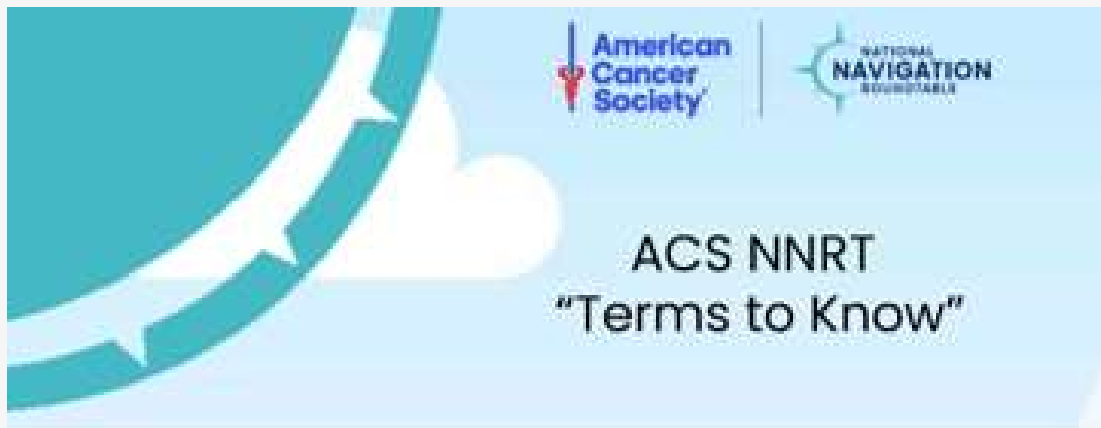
also feel free to share the survey with other institutions, or organizations that operate patient navigation programs.

All Surveys are due by August Tuesday, August 6th, 2024.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact the ACS NNRT at nnrt@cancer.org. Thank you for taking the time to assist ACS NNRT in this important effort.

Pulse Survey

The ACS NNRT Public Awareness and Communications Task Group has introduced this section in the newsletter to clarify essential patient navigation terminology for professional use. Please review this section in each issue and start incorporating these terms into your patient navigation program.



Patient navigators have been referred to in the past using terms like "lay," "community," "social determinants of health," "non-licensed," and "non clinical." The Professional Oncology Navigation Standards clarify the term "patient navigator" should be used for a professional patient navigator who is not a clinically licensed social worker or nurse, and the terms "non clinical," "lay," etc., should no longer be used.

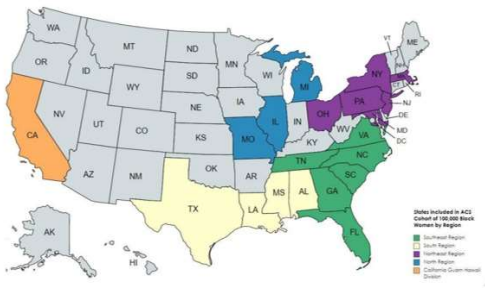
VOICES of Black Women

Addressing health equity for generations to come

VOICES of Black Women is a new population cohort study led by the American Cancer Society launching in May 2024. The study is designed to help better understand the multi-level drivers of incidence, mortality, and resilience of cancer and other health conditions among Black women in the United States, so we can better understand how to collectively address them. This study will be the largest cohort study of cancer risk and outcomes among Black women in the United States.



At the American Cancer Society, equity in cancer care for all is at the heart of our mission. We prioritize work that helps



ensure everyone has an opportunity to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer. It's with this vision in mind we're excited to launch a new groundbreaking population cohort study – VOICES of Black Women – underscoring our commitment to better understand how this demographic is impacted by cancer disparities.

What is VOICES of Black Women?

VOICES of Black Women is a long-term study run by the American Cancer Society that aims to enroll at least 100,000 Black women in the US during the next few years. The goal of this study is to better understand health conditions like cancer and how to improve overall health among Black women.

VOICES of Black Women

Empowerment Hub

Resources:

- ACS Cancer Coalition Circular <https://www.acs4ccc.org/latest-news-from-accs-ccc-circular/>
- [ACS Cancer Coalition Circular April](#) newsletter
- So thrilled to see Patient Navigation as "cost-effective" for CRC Screening!! The Community Preventive Services Task Force (CPSTF) finds patient navigation services increase colorectal cancer screening AND are cost-effective! Plus, the return on investment is favorable, with colonoscopy reimbursement values exceeding the cost of the intervention. #Healthcare #ColorectalCancer #CostEffective #PatientNavigation. **CPSTF Endorses Cost-Effective Patient Navigation Services for Colorectal Cancer Screening**
- American Cancer Society on May 31 released "[Cancer in People who Identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Gender-nonconforming \(LGBTQ+\)](#)". The article provides the latest statistics on the prevalence of cancer screening and modifiable risk factors in LGBTQ+ populations, as well as a review of literature on cancer occurrence and obstacles to cancer prevention and treatment. These important findings are published in the journal *Cancer*, alongside its consumer-friendly companion, *Cancer Facts & Figures 2024 Special Section: Cancer in People Who Identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, or Gender-nonconforming*, to coincide with the start of Pride month in June.
- Susan G. Komen [NAVIGATION NATION SUMMIT, Empowering Every Step: Navigating Through Transitions of Care](#), September 12, 2024, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. CST, Free Virtual Event
- ACS National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable Webinar [Promoting Non-Invasive CRC Screening](#) on August 14, 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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