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Announcing the Patient Navigation Sustainability Learning Collaborative



Promising Practices Supporting the Sustainability of Patient Navigation: A Learning Collaborative

The American Cancer Society National Navigation Roundtable (ACS NNRT) and the Leadership in Oncology Navigation (LION™) team have developed a Patient Navigation Sustainability Learning Collaborative which is a structured professional education program that will support participants in strengthening the standardization, effectiveness, and long-term sustainability for high-quality patient navigation programs.

Participants will evaluate current programs and develop actionable sustainability plans through guided learning, peer exchange, and implementation planning.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The collaborative focuses on critical domains that impact long-term sustainability such as:

- Communication, Planning & Implementation
- Workflow integration
- Monitoring and evaluation

INNOVATIVE AND FORWARD-LOOKING

This virtual education program offers a structured yet highly collaborative learning environment designed to advance participants' professional growth. Led by nationally recognized experts in patient navigation, the curriculum combines evidence-based instruction with rich peer exchange and real-world case studies, creating a dynamic and innovative learning experience.

WHO SHOULD JOIN?

The Patient Navigation Sustainability Learning Collaborative is designed for leaders and experienced navigators who deliver, design, manage, evaluate, and strive to sustain oncology patient navigation programs. It serves cancer centers and oncology practices seeking to build new programs or strengthen existing navigation programs.

WHEN WE WILL MEET:

Sessions begin **September 10, 2026**, and will convene the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:00pm ET through February 11, 2027.

The Promising Practices Guiding the Sustainability of Navigation Implementation Guide was developed using the Patient Navigation Sustainability Assessment Tool (PNSAT) from the Colorado Cancer Screening Program (CCSP) led by Andrea Dwyer, MPH. It adapts tools from the Center for Public Health Systems Science (CPHSS) at Washington University.

Developed by the American Cancer Society National Navigation Roundtable (ACS NNRT)—in partnership with the ACS Leadership in Oncology Navigation LION™ and the ACS Patient Navigation Capacity Building Initiative—this guide provides practical strategies to sustain and institutionalize patient navigation.



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- 1 Build awareness of navigation sustainability frameworks
- 2 Deepen understanding of three core sustainability domains
- 3 Strengthen navigation program action-planning skills
- 4 Apply learning through real-world case studies using Promising Practices Implementation Guide

Application Deadline: July 15 2026

We are excited to introduce the Patient Navigation Sustainability Learning Collaborative, the newest initiative from the American Cancer Society's National Navigation Roundtable (ACS NNRT) and Leadership in Oncology Navigation (LION™) program.

This seven-month collaborative will provide free support to twenty cancer centers committed to strengthening the long-term sustainability, standardization, and effectiveness of their patient navigation programs. Participants will leverage two key resources:

- Promising Practices Supporting the Sustainability of Patient Navigation: An Implementation Guide
- Patient Navigation Sustainability Assessment Tool (PNSAT)

Through monthly virtual sessions, participants will assess their current programs and develop actionable strategies for long-term success. The collaborative emphasizes structured learning, peer-to-peer exchange, and practical implementation planning.

Participants will also deepen their expertise across three core sustainability domains:

1. Communication, Planning, and Implementation

2. Workflow Integration
3. Monitoring and Evaluation

Applications are now open through July 15, 2026, and the program will begin on September 10, 2026. Don't miss this opportunity to join a cohort of oncology practices dedicated to improving patient outcomes through sustainable navigation programs.

For questions, please contact us at NNRT@cancer.org

Learn More and for Application: due July 15. 2026

2026 Annual Notice for ACS Roundtable Rules for Engagement

Notice for the [ACS Roundtable Rules for Engagement](#) is shared annually or at any time the document is amended during the year.

The Rules for Engagement of the ACS Roundtables clarify the expectations for participation by members of an ACS National Roundtable, including organizational, corporate, affiliate, and invited individual members, and all individuals acting as representatives of an organizational, affiliate, or corporate member. Members are expected to respect and comply with these Rules and other applicable ACS policies and observe high standards of conduct.

Get Involved with ACS NNRT: Priority Teams Open Soon

Later this month, ACS NNRT members will have the opportunity to sign up for new Priority Teams aligned with the recently launched 2026–2029 Strategic Roadmap. These teams will play a key role in advancing the Roundtable's priority areas—ranging from strengthening patient navigation and health equity to enhancing collaboration, sustainability, and innovation across the cancer care continuum. Members are encouraged to get involved and contribute their expertise as the NNRT transitions from task groups to action-oriented Priority Teams designed to accelerate impact and drive meaningful progress.

The American Cancer Society National Navigation Roundtable (ACS NNRT) was established in 2017. The ACS NNRT is a national coalition of member organizations dedicated to advancing high-quality cancer care for all through evidence-based patient navigation. The American Cancer Society provides organizational leadership and expert staff support to the ACS NNRT.



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