



## NNRT Leadership Update

### ***Greetings, from Andi, Chair and Linda, Vice Chair of NNRT!***

The NNRT has had a very productive April and we will share some of the highlights of the month through this issue of the NNRT newsletter. From the upcoming navigation supplement to be published in the journal [Cancer](#) to our recent NNRT Steering Committee Retreat, the work of the 5 year Aim is off and running! A huge thanks to each of you for your ongoing support of the NNRT through your task group participation, sharing NNRT resources and making great suggestions as to what else the NNRT might be doing to help achieve our goals. Without you, we couldn't do it! Here's to a great second half of the year!

### **April Steering Committee Retreat**

The NNRT Steering Committee met in Denver, CO, on 26 April 2022, to identify new initiatives to support the goals of our 5-year aim. The meeting was attended by the Steering Committee membership, both virtually as well as in person, and was facilitated by Ryan Soisson with Soisson and Associates.

The objectives of the meeting were to:

- Identify Possible Strategies to Achieve 5-Year AIM
- Review current work vis-a-via the 5-yr AIM

The Steering Committee identified a number of possible initiatives and worked to narrow the list down to strategies that were achievable through the Roundtable and were aligned with the 5-year aim. These included:

- Develop health system capacity for oncology patient navigation reimbursement
- Develop and disseminate policy case studies for existing payment models and to support future payment considerations for patient navigation
- Support the continued professionalization of oncology patient navigation
- Consider a public awareness campaign to better elevate oncology patient navigation as an integral part of oncology care
- Establish the NNRT Seal of Approval for sustainability standards in practice

The Steering Committee will continue to refine and develop these strategies over the next few weeks. It is the goal of the Steering Committee to develop more substantive workplans based on each of these strategies that can then be used by our 3 task groups. We have exciting work ahead and look forward to continuing to plot our path towards the NNRT 5 Year Aim.

*"It was awesome to have the NNRT gather at my home base of University of Colorado. The theme of the day was sustainability of patient navigation. Patient navigation is one of the only evidence based interventions to reduce barriers and increase access to care and we must also be sure navigators have stable jobs and livable wages. This meeting further paved our way for equity."*

**Andrea Dwyer**

Chair, NNRT



## Steering Member Retreat Feedback

*"This was my first in person meeting with the NNRT Steering Committee. It was great to meet everyone in person and brainstorm together. We accomplished a lot for the five year planning initiative. I think we were able to accomplish this by having the opportunity to gather together in one day and provide feedback and support for navigation. It was very collaborative."*

**Vicki Chiappetta, RHIA, CTR**

Senior Accreditation Specialist, Cancer Programs

*"The challenge of getting to a common goal is looking at all the approaches experts on the team visualize as the best way. This was truly a collaborative approach as a team of navigation experts with thoughtful and reflective responses for better understanding shared concepts. A celebration of a powerful opportunity to work together."*

**Sharon Gentry, RN, HON-ONN-CG, AOCN, CBCN**

Program Director Academy of Oncology Nurse & Patient Navigators

*"The NNRT Steering Committee Retreat was fascinating! There were members with diverse backgrounds and experiences which allowed us to view Patient Navigation from different perspectives. It was really reassuring to know that we are on the right path with our subcommittee work already in progress."*

**Angelo Moore, PhD, RN, NE-BC**

Assistant Director, Community Outreach, Engagement, and Equity  
Duke Cancer Institute

*"I am so appreciative of the time and talent that our volunteers give to the NNRT. This retreat served as an important step in our efforts to create a roadmap that supports the 5 year aim of the Roundtable and I am excited to see the priority workplans emerge for each of the three task groups."*

**Jennifer Greenwald, MPH**

Vice President, Mission Strategy & Operations



## ***Celebrating National Oncology Nurses Month in May!***

NNRT recognizes and sincerely thanks the work nurses do to ensure patients timely access to cancer-related care throughout the cancer continuum. Whether you are supporting and caring for oncology patients, leading health care systems, conducting research or guiding policy development, you are demonstrating that patient

NNRT thanks you for the continued contributions to the field of oncology patient navigation.

An overview of NNRT and the Task Groups orientation was provided to new members in late March and early April.

### ***Please welcome new NNRT Members:***

**Adrienne Alexander, RN, BSN**, High Risk Breast Navigator, HCA Virginia Health System

**Shellie Brat, MBS**, Vice President Oncology Services, Tanner Health System

**Shukriyah Brown, B.A.**, Community Health Navigator, Massachusetts General Hospital

**Lisa D'Andrea, RN, BSN, OCN, CNBN, CPN**, Cancer Center Director, Beaumont

**Pamela Greer**, Patient Navigator

**Kaitlin Ivison, RN, BSN**, Nurse Navigator, McLaren Health Care

**Knoll Larkin, MPH**, Project Manager, National LGBT Cancer Network

**Sarah McDonald, MSN, CBCN, ONS**, Clinical Oncology Coordinator, Nuvance Health

**Joanna Morales, Esq.**, Cancer Rights Attorney, CEO Triage Cancer

**Linda Mulhisen, BSN**, Clinician, Unitedhealthcare

**Grace Nixon, RN, MSN, OCN**, Nurse Navigator, Valley Health

**John Pisacreta, MHA**, Administrative Director Oncology, Detroit Medical Center

**Tammi Pouget**, Nurse Navigator, Charach Cancer Treatment Center

**Patrice Roberts, MSN, OCN**, Nurse Navigator, Anne Arundel Medical Center

**Carmen Stokes, PhD, MSN, FNP-BC, RN, CNE**, Nurse Navigator at Ascension Cancer Center



**Natasha Stoudemire, MSN**, Administrator, Lexington Medical Center

**Kendra Sutton**, Patient Navigator, Denver Health Department

**Sora Park Tanjasiri, DrPH, MPH**, University of California, Irvine, Associate Director, Cancer Health Equity & Community Engagement

**Travis Thomas**, Cancer Patient Navigator/ Holistic Cancer Coach, Founder, S.A.V.E.D 4 Life Cancer Corporation

**Trina Turner, MSN, RN-BC, LNC**, Lung and CRC Navigator, Bayhealth Cancer Center

**Alejandra Waddle, MSN, RN, CBCN**, Nurse Navigator, Methodist Health System

**Megan Sigler-Worley, MSN, RN**, Nurse Navigator, Beaumont

**Renee Yanke, ARNP, MN, AOCN**, Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist, Kaiser Permanente Washington

**Tammy Zinn, MSN, OCN, CBCN**, Navigator Administrator, Lee Health



## [Supplement Update](#)

On June 14, 2022 (or close to this date) the NNRT Supplement will be published in the journal [Cancer](#). The supplement is the result of months of hard work by the NNRT and will undoubtedly be a huge contribution to the field of patient

navigation. Watch the [NNRT website](#) for the release and plan to share it with your organization!

## [SURVEY PARTICIPATION REQUESTED](#)

The National Navigation Roundtable and [Living Beyond Breast Cancer](#) are collaborating for a second year to offer a live webinar to support providers in meeting the unique needs of young breast cancer patients. Our timeline for hosting this program is September 2022. The primary audience for this program will be navigators, though all healthcare providers are welcome.



To ensure we develop a meaningful program, we would appreciate your insights about the topics that would be most relevant to your work with breast cancer patients. Please complete this [brief survey](#) by **Friday, May 27**. Thank you for taking the time to share your input. We look forward to seeing you in September!

## [Take Note!](#)

The Professional Oncology Navigation Task Force created the [Oncology Navigation Standards of Professional Practice](#). These standards provide professional oncology clinical navigators and patient navigators with clear information regarding the standards of professional practice. Please incorporate and share these Oncology Navigation Standards within your work. View on the [Journal of Oncology Navigation & Survivorship](#)!

*\*Updated\** George Washington University Patient Navigation Guide

The patient navigation guide has been updated by George Washington University Cancer Center. This resource also provides free updates resources and tools for program implementation. Take a look at the updated [GUIDE](#) and enroll in the free, [self-paced training](#).

Another excellent resource is The [CONQUER](#) guide. This comprehensive guide provides a wealth of financial and information for patient and caregiver support.

NNRT website Resource Center page provides resources and information. Visit <https://navigationroundtable.org/> to view the current resources.



NNRT is pleased to share information about Cancer and Careers 12th annual National Conference on Work & Cancer, being held virtually on Friday, June 24, 2022!

This FREE virtual event will explore the complexities working people face as they balance their cancer treatment and recovery with employment. Topics include balancing treatment and work, legal rights, job search, self-care, disclosure decisions and more. CE/PDCs available.

For more details or to register, please visit

[www.cancerandcareers.org/conference](http://www.cancerandcareers.org/conference).



Smooth sailing to Katherine Sharpe! Anchors away to Katherine as she navigates to a wonderful and happy return to semi-retired life, pursuits of consulting, and her volunteer work at the Georgia Aquarium. Katherine plans to stay engaged as a NNRT volunteer and will support the work of the NNRT going forward. Here's to Katherine and the greater good she will continue to bring beyond NNRT! *Katherine's last day will be May 20th.*

*"My deepest thanks to each of you for the pleasure of working with*

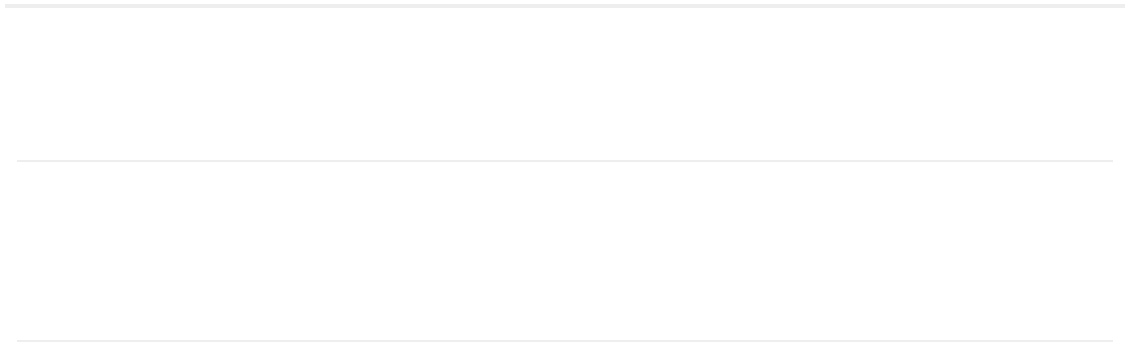
*you over the past 5 years and more recently, as the NNRT Director. It's been an honor. Thank you!" All my best, Katherine*



Check out the [NNRT](#) Website

If you aren't currently a member of a NNRT Task Group, please contact NNRT Program Manager, Michelle Chappell at [michelle.chappell@cancer.org](mailto:michelle.chappell@cancer.org) to learn more about the various NNRT Task Groups and how you can get involved.

To share information for upcoming editions of the NNRT newsletter, please contact: [michelle.chappell@cancer.org](mailto:michelle.chappell@cancer.org)



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