





Dedicated To Achieving Health Equity Through Patient Navigation

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Angelo Moore, PhD, RN, NE-BC, FAA, receives Fredda Bryan National Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award



The Fredda Bryan National Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award recognizes an American Cancer Society volunteer or volunteer group who has made an incredible impact on the lives of cancer patients and their families by advancing our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Dr. Moore Fredda Bryan Award Video Congratulations Dr. Moore!

VOICES of Black Women





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.

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.

VOICES of Black Women

ACS hosts key patient navigation meeting



The American Cancer Society National Navigation Roundtable (ACS NNRT) and the ACS Patient Navigation Capacity Building Initiative co-hosted a collaborative workshop, "Accelerating Progress Together – Collaborating for Sustainable Patient Navigation," of more than 100 partners on Wednesday, May 15, in Atlanta, Ga.

The purpose of the meeting was to showcase innovative patient navigation projects and to facilitate discussion on collaborative, actionable steps to advance efforts toward sustainability of patient navigation. In addition to the ACS NNRT Steering Committee, led by Kristina Thomson and Michelle Chappell, the meeting included the

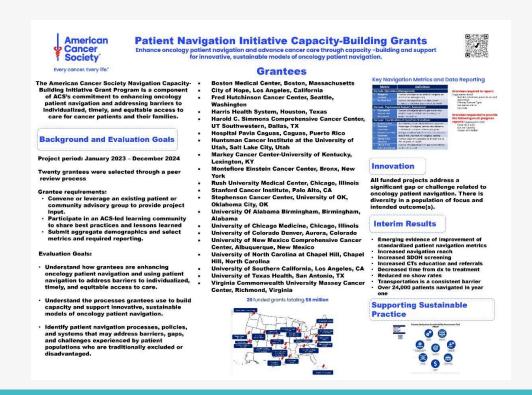
20 ACS-funded programs of the ACS Patient Navigation Capacity Building Initiative, which is led by Heather Ciccarelli and Megan Melady; the National Cancer Institute, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, the Association of Cancer Care Centers, American Society of Clinical Oncology and ACS CAN.

The meeting celebrated the unique moment in time for patient navigation, as the field is receiving new recognition of its impact and opportunities for reimbursement for these critical services. Attendees celebrated progress, highlighted accomplishments and impact, and agreed to work collaboratively to accelerate access to high quality sustainable models of patient navigation.

A special highlight of the meeting was the participation of Dr. Harold P. Freeman, founding father of patient navigation, former ACS president (1988-1989), and honorary chair of the ACS NNRT. Dr. Freeman pioneered the patient navigation concept and model which addresses disparities in access to timely diagnosis and treatment, particularly among poor and uninsured people. At 91 years of age, Dr. Freeman remains an inspiration to many, particularly in the patient navigation field.

Learn more about patient navigation:

- ACS NNRT Website here.
- See the grantee navigation posters presented at the event here.



Empowerment Hub

Resources:

- Empowering Patient Care: Navigating Out-of-Pocket Costs for Medicare PIN Services archived webinar from April 4, 2024
- ACS Cancer Coalition Circular https://www.acs4ccc.org/latest-news-from-acs-ccc-circular/
- Archived American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) 13th annual National Forum on the Future of Health Care from May 9th
- Partnership to Align Social Care archived "Webinar Highlighting Medicare Codes to Address Health-Related Social Needs"
- The American Association for Cancer Research's biennial Cancer Disparities Report
 highlights the significant impact of cancer on minority and underserved populations. Though
 the disparity in the overall cancer mortality rate between White and Black patients has

- come down from 33.0% in 1990 it remains at 11.3% through 2020.
- HHS announced the Leading Edge Acceleration Projects (LEAP) in Health IT funding opportunity will address well-documented and fast emerging challenges that inhibit the development, use, and/or advancement of well-designed, interoperable health IT.
- Learn more about ACS Comprehensive Cancer Control Initiatives, and how to work with your state comprehensive cancer program here.
- ACS Cancer Coalition Circular April newsletter
- Patient Advocate Foundation provides financial assistance for Medicare beneficiaries facing copays for receiving social needs assessments, community health services, and patient navigation. More information about the fund, including a link to apply for assistance, can be found on the Social Needs Assessment & Intervention Fund page on the PAF Co-Pay Relief website.

Please help spread the word on ACS Roundtable Open Positions:

- National Prostate Cancer Roundtable Program Manager
- National Prostate Cancer Roundtable Director
- National Breast Cancer Roundtable Director

Visit ACS NNRT's website

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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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