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# 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

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# WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to the **2024 American Cancer Society National Navigation Roundtable Annual Meeting!** We are delighted to convene here in Washington, DC with national experts, advocates, and thought leaders that share our commitment to ACS NNRT's 5-year AIM (2021-2026): supporting the creation of a sustainable model for oncology patient navigation to achieve health equity across the cancer continuum. It's been five years since our last in-person meeting, and we are thrilled to bring together members of the roundtable and invited guests to learn, collaborate, and build momentum to propel patient navigation forward.

We're here to continue the critical work of advancing navigation efforts to eliminate barriers to quality cancer care, reduce disparities in outcomes, and advance health equity. With the recent introduction of the CMS reimbursement codes for patient navigation, this is a crucial moment for us to come together and plan for our future. We're confident that you will leave energized and empowered, with a deeper understanding of the patient navigation landscape, new strategies for leveraging innovation to promote sustainability, and strengthened connections with friends new and old.

We'd like to express our sincere gratitude to our sponsors for their generous support, our Steering Committee for their leadership and continued commitment to our mission, and our dedicated staff for planning this meeting. Finally, we'd like to thank you, our members, for your relentless dedication to elevating patient navigation and for joining us to share your ideas.

We look forward to building a roadmap, together, for our continued efforts to ensure high-quality cancer care is accessible to all.



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# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional land of Indigenous peoples, specifically the Nacotchtank and the Piscataway People. As we work to improve the lives of people with cancer and their families through advocacy, research, and patient support, to ensure everyone has an opportunity to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer, we acknowledge and work to mitigate the cancer burden and health disparities in the Native and Indigenous communities and communities of color.

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# Building on **Momentum**, Propelling **Patient Navigation** Forward Through **Innovative Persistence**

## Wednesday, September 18th, 2024

<b>2:00 PM – 5:00 PM</b>	<b>REGISTRATION OPENS</b>	
<b>2:00 PM – 2:45 PM</b>	<b>NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION</b>	Hampton
	<p>The ACS NNRT is excited to have new members and organizations join in advancing patient navigation to improve cancer care. You are invited to attend an in-person new member orientation (all members welcome).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Michelle Chappell, MS – ACS NNRT</li> <li>– Donna Moore Wilson, MSN, RN, CBCN – HCA Henrico Doctors Hospital</li> </ul>	
<b>3:00 PM – 5:00 PM</b>	<b>TASK GROUP BREAKOUTS</b>	
	<p><b>Public Awareness and Communication</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Julie McMahon, MPH – Susan G. Komen</li> <li>– Tracie Lewis, MS – University of South Carolina</li> </ul>	Embassy
	<p><b>Policy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Elizabeth Franklin, PhD – Oncology Sanofi</li> <li>– Gladys Arias, MPA – ACS CAN</li> <li>– Katie Garfield, JD – Harvard Law School</li> <li>– Andi Dwyer – University of Colorado Cancer Center</li> </ul>	Capitol
	<p><b>Workforce Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Arti Patel Varanasi, PhD, MPH, CHP – Advancing Synergy</li> <li>– Michelle Chappell, MS – ACS NNRT</li> </ul>	Hampton
	<p><b>Evidence-Based Promising Practices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Elizabeth Calhoun, PhD, MEd – University of Illinois Chicago</li> <li>– Linda Fleisher, PhD, MPH – Fox Chase Cancer Center</li> </ul>	Calvert
<b>5:15 PM – 6:15 PM</b>	<b>WELCOME RECEPTION</b> <b>Hors d’Oeuvres and Cash Bar</b>	Blue Terrace
<b>6:15 PM</b>	<b>DINNER ON YOUR OWN</b>	
<b>6:30 PM – 8:30 PM</b>	<b>STEERING COMMITTEE DINNER</b>	Hotel

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## Thursday, September 19th, 2024

<b>7:30 AM – 8:30 AM</b>	<b>REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST</b>	
<b>8:30 AM – 9:00 AM</b>	<b>WELCOME FROM ACS NNRT AND ACS</b>	Hampton
	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Andi Dwyer, BS – University of Colorado Cancer Center, Chair – ACS NNRT</li> <li>– Shanthi Sivendran, MD, MSCR, MBA – American Cancer Society, ACS Chair – ACS NNRT</li> </ul> <p><b>Importance of Health Equity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Angelo Moore, PhD, RN, NE-BC, FAAN – North Carolina Agricultural &amp; Technical State University</li> </ul>	
<b>9:00 AM – 10:00 AM</b>	<b>THE IMPORTANCE OF INCORPORATING A SUSTAINABILITY MODEL IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PATIENT NAVIGATION PROGRAMS</b>	Hampton
	<p>This presentation will be a review of the Patient Navigation Sustainability Assessment Tool (PNSAT) and its significance to the work of the ACS NNRT.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Andi Dwyer, BS – University of Colorado Cancer Center</li> <li>– Linda Fleisher, PhD, MPH – Fox Chase Cancer Center, Vice Chair – ACS NNRT</li> </ul>	
<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>KEYNOTE: THE STATE OF PATIENT NAVIGATION</b>	Hampton
	<p>In this keynote presentation, Ms. Aspiras will discuss the current state of patient navigation in cancer care, providing insights into the Biden Cancer Moonshot’s efforts to expand adoption and payment for navigation services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Anabella Aspiras, MPA, RN, BSN – Assistant Director for Engagement on the White House Cancer Moonshot</li> </ul>	
<b>11:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b>	<b>THE CURRENT AND FUTURE IMPLICATIONS OF THE ONCOLOGY NAVIGATION PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OF PRACTICE DOMAINS</b>	Hampton
	<p>This presentation will cover a review of the role and utilization of standards in professional practice, an update on present and future objectives for the Standards, and the integration of these standards in practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Facilitator: Kristina Thomson, LCSW – ACS NNRT</li> <li>– Sally Werner, RN, BSN, MSHA – CSC – Cancer Support Community</li> <li>– Monica Dean, HON-OPN-CG – AONN – Academy of Oncology Navigation</li> <li>– Danelle Johnston, MSN, RN, HON ONN-CG, OCN – Genomic Life</li> </ul>	
<b>12:00 PM – 1:15 PM</b>	<b>NETWORKING LUNCH &amp; PICTURE (Picture at 1:00 PM)</b>	

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<b>1:15 PM – 2:45 PM</b>	<p><b>POLICY IN ACTION: PREPARING FOR AND UTILIZATION OF THE PIN CODES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ORGANIZATIONAL POLICY GOALS</b></p> <p>The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) introduced reimbursement codes to support principal illness navigation in 2024. This session will highlight the pragmatic strategies initiated to engage administrators, providers and patients and implement utilization to successfully utilize these codes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Facilitator: Tracy Battaglia, MD, MPH – Yale</i></li> <li>- <i>Jeanne Silva, MSN, RN-BC – RWJ Barnabas</i></li> <li>- <i>Danielle Brown, MBA, BSN, RN, OCN, CN-BN – FL Cancer Specialists &amp; Research Institute</i></li> <li>- <i>Alan J. Balch, PhD – Patient Advocate Foundation</i></li> <li>- <i>Tim Mullett, MD, MBA, FACS – University of Kentucky</i></li> </ul>	Hampton
<b>2:45 PM – 3:00 PM</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>3:00 PM – 3:55 PM</b>	<p><b>CONCURRENT SESSIONS</b></p> <p><b>Preparing for and Utilization of PIN Codes and Implementation of Organizational Policy</b></p> <p>Join the Policy in Action Plenary Panel in an informal nuts and bolts discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Facilitator: Tracy Battaglia, MD, MPH – Yale</i></li> <li>- <i>Danielle Brown, MBA, BSN, RN, OCN, CN-BN – FL Cancer Specialists &amp; Research Institute</i></li> <li>- <i>Jeanne Silva, MSN, RN-BC – RWJ Barnabas</i></li> <li>- <i>Alan J. Balch, PhD – Patient Advocate Foundation</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Leveraging Technology to Benefit Patient Navigation</b></p> <p>This session will focus on enabling standardized protocols and data collection, maximizing automation for patient identification to optimize resources, and using data to improve practice and processes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Facilitator: Arti Patel Varanasi, PhD, MPH, CHP – Advancing Synergy</i></li> <li>- <i>Facilitator: Linda Fleisher, PhD, MPH – Fox Chase Cancer Center</i></li> <li>- <i>Joan Scales, MSSW, LCSW, OSW-C – University of Kentucky</i></li> <li>- <i>Jennifer Elston Lafata, PhD – University of North Carolina</i></li> <li>- <i>Heather Ciccarelli, MSW – American Cancer Society</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Building a Business Case for the Investment and Sustainability of Patient Navigation</b></p> <p>This presentation will highlight the importance of building a strong business case for sustainable patient navigation, offer insights into key case components, and review tools for developing cases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Facilitator: Caleb Levell, MA – American Cancer Society</i></li> <li>- <i>Bonny Morris, PhD, MSPH, RN – American Cancer Society</i></li> <li>- <i>Andi Dwyer, BS – University of Colorado Cancer Center</i></li> <li>- <i>Elsa Staples, MPH – Colorado Cancer Screening Program</i></li> <li>- <i>Tim Mullett, MD, MBA, FACS – University of Kentucky</i></li> </ul>	<p>Calvert</p> <p>Capitol</p> <p>Hampton</p>

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	<p><b>Sustaining and Evolving your Patient Navigation Workforce: Getting Back to the Basics</b></p> <p>This presentation will focus on developing organizational tools, processes, and policies, identifying effective tools for patient navigators, and aligning with oncology navigation to sustain a patient navigation program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Facilitator: Sharon Gentry, MSN, RN, HON-ONN-CG, AOCN, CBCN – AONN</i></li> <li>– <i>Facilitator: Arti Patel Varanasi, PhD, MPH, CHP – Advancing Synergy</i></li> <li>– <i>Katrina Steiling, MD, MSc – Boston Medical Center</i></li> <li>– <i>Julie McMahon, MPH – Susan G. Komen</i></li> </ul>	Capitol
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<b>8:30 AM – 8:45 AM</b>	<b>WELCOME</b>	Hampton
<b>8:45 AM – 9:15 AM</b>	<b>ARMCHAIR CONVERSATIONS: THE IMPACT OF PATIENT NAVIGATION</b>	Hampton
	<p>An intimate discussion of the lived experience of patient navigation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Facilitator: Jennifer Bires, LCSW, OSW-C, CST – Inova Schar Cancer Institute</i></li> <li>– <i>Cheryl Perry, Lived Experience Expert</i></li> <li>– <i>Eva Ruiz Olivares, BSN, RN – Inova</i></li> <li>– <i>Molly Harden, MSW – Inova Peterson Life with Cancer</i></li> </ul>	
<b>9:15 AM – 10:45 AM</b>	<b>ARMCHAIR CONVERSATIONS: FROM PRACTICE TO POLICY - BRIDGING LOCAL INITIATIVES TO STATE AND FEDERAL CHANGE</b>	Hampton
	<p>An overview of the state and federal policy landscape including implementation of Medicare reimbursement and Medicaid expansion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Facilitator: Carter Steger, BA – ACS CAN</i></li> <li>– <i>Julie Nickson – ACS CAN</i></li> <li>– <i>Rebecca Kirch, JD – National Patient Advocate Foundation</i></li> <li>– <i>Andi Dwyer, BS – University of Colorado Cancer Center</i></li> <li>– <i>Ray Liu, MD – Kaiser Permanente Northern California</i></li> </ul>	
<b>10:45 AM – 11:15 AM</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>11:15 AM – 12:15 PM</b>	<b>THE WORK OF ACS NNRT</b>	Hampton
	<p>Brief updates from each of the Task Groups, including accomplishments of 2024 and plans for 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Public Awareness and Communication</li> <li>– Policy</li> <li>– Workforce Development</li> <li>– Evidence-Based</li> </ul>	
<b>12:15 PM – 1:00 PM</b>	<b>“OPEN MIC,” WRAP UP AND DEPARTURE</b>	Hampton

# AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY NATIONAL NAVIGATION ROUNDTABLE

The American Cancer Society National Navigation Roundtable (ACS NNRT) serves as a catalyst to initiate work on key issues around patient navigation, as well as to disseminate best practices and to overall enhance the field of navigation. A fundamental premise of the Roundtable is that collective action among member organizations will be more successful in advancing the field, than if they worked alone. Together, members work to share information, identify needs and opportunities, while addressing gaps relating to navigation.

The American Cancer Society National Navigation Roundtable was established in 2017. The ACS NNRT is a national coalition of 200+ member organizations to advance navigation efforts that eliminate barriers to quality care, reduce disparities, and foster ongoing health equity across the cancer continuum.

## **Mission**

High quality cancer care for all through evidence-based patient navigation.

## **Vision**

ACS NNRT is a collaboration that advances patient navigation efforts to eliminate barriers for quality care, reduce disparities in health outcomes and foster ongoing health equity across the cancer continuum.

## **5-Year AIM (2021-2026)**

To support the creation of a sustainable model for oncology patient navigation to achieve health equity across the continuum of cancer care.

## **ACS NNRT Health Equity Statement**

The ACS NNRT believes that every person should have a fair and just opportunity to prevent, find, treat, and survive breast cancer, regardless of income, ethnicity, skin color, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability status, language, or zip code.

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