# ACS National Navigation Roundtable



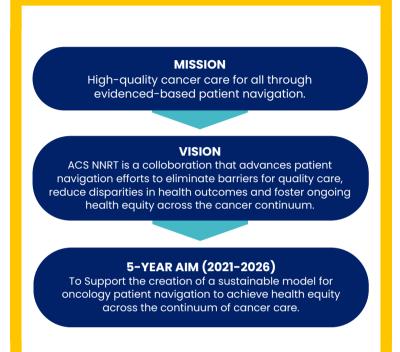




### **Overview**

The American Cancer Society National Navigation Roundtable (ACS NNRT) was established in 2017. The ACS NNRT is a national coalition of public, private, and voluntary organizations whose mission is to advance navigation efforts that eliminate barriers to quality cancer care, reduce disparities in health outcomes and foster ongoing health equity. ACS NNRT focuses on navigation through the cancer lens and across the cancer continuum (from prevention to survivorship).

Building on the visionary work of Dr. Harold Freeman, the ACS NNRT and its members have been building evidence of the positive impact of patient navigation across the cancer continuum through government-funded research and the programmatic efforts of the ACS. The dedicated ACS NNRT staff, members and the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) set out to build upon the legacy of Dr. Freeman and elevate the patient navigator role and highlight the measurable and immeasurable impact this role has on eliminating health disparities and to improve health equity.



# Patient Navigation guides the way - Each Cancer Journey is unique.



Patient navigation in the cancer care setting refers to individualized assistance offered to patients, families, and caregivers to help overcome healthcare system barriers and facilitate timely access to quality health and psychosocial care from pre-diagnosis through all phases of the cancer experience.

With health equity issues in cancer care continuing to disproportionately impact medically under-resourced communities, ACS NNRT celebrates patient navigation as an effective evidence-based intervention to increase cancer screening rates, advance health equity amongst minority populations and eliminate health disparities and improve health equity across the cancer continuum. ACS NNRT celebrates this acknowledgment and will continue to work diligently to have patient navigation woven into all aspects of the medical system.

## **American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network**

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network(ACS CAN) is committed to addressing disparities in health care and increasing access to care through Policy Solutions. ACS CAN is aligned with ACS NNRT focusing on how patient navigation services help cancer patient and survivors overcome some of the barriers and challenges faced throughout their cancer care journey. The next steps include developing a public policy approach for patient navigation coverage, legislative and regulatory processes to be pursued, and payment models to ensure long-term sustainability of patient navigation services across providers and cancer centers.



## Together, we can end cancer as we know it, for everyone.

ACS has made extensive investments across our three mission pillars - Patient Support, Discovery, Advocacy - to progress patient navigation. ACS NNRT is positioned to succeed due to our unique organizational strengths and enduring commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. ACS NNRT member organizations enjoy benefits and services designed to magnify the impact that each organization can have in their efforts to reduce the burden of cancer to address patient's barriers to care for all cancers nationally and internationally.



Network, learn, and share at the ACS NNRT National Meeting and other member-only programs and events.



Gain access to the latest news, events, tools, and resources.



Share your organization's achievements and activities with the ACS NNRT membership and beyond.



Leverage your organization's talents and expertise by participating on Task Groups & national initiatives directly addressing patient navigation priorities.

If your organization is interested in applying for membership to the ACS NNRT, please complete a membership application.



**Apply for Membership** 

### **ACS National Roundtables**

Some barriers challenging our efforts to improve the lives of people with cancer and their families are too complex for any one organization to address on its own. To overcome these barriers, the ACS unites organizations in collaborative partnerships through its mission-critical national roundtables. The ACS national roundtables are a recommended and proven model for creating sustained partnerships across diverse sectors to tackle both long-standing and emerging issues in cancer.

In addition to patient navigation, ACS also provides organizational leadership and staff support to national roundtables focused on breast cancer, cervical cancer, colorectal cancer, lung cancer, and HPV vaccination.

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