



Spring is coming. Go ahead, celebrate!

National Social Worker Month

ACS NNRT thanks all social workers for all you do, every day. Your work is important. YOU are important. You make the world a better place!

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Colorectal cancer (CRC) is the third most common cancer in the United States and the second leading cause of death from cancers that affect both men and women. New report on colorectal cancer highlights the importance of cancer screenings: 1 in 5 people diagnosed are under 55 years old, a number that's doubled since 1995. And, the number of people diagnosed with advanced-stage disease has increased significantly. American Cancer Society releases [Colorectal Cancer Cancer Statistics](#)

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Health Equity Across the Cancer Care Continuum

Health Equity Across the Cancer Care Continuum: Colorectal Cancer

March 23, 2023

9:00 am ET

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This webinar will offer 2 CME's (*free*) and has a focus on colorectal cancer issues within a diverse set of populations



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Reaching Communities through Patient Navigation: Evidence for Action

May 2, 2023 from 3:30 pm – 4:45pm ET

Registration

ACS NNRT is pleased to facilitate a webinar with national thought leaders from the Community Preventive Services Task Force (CPSTF), the Professional Oncology Navigation Task Force and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control.

Speakers will discuss [The Community Guide](#) – how to explore CPSTF findings, utilize promotional materials, and identify implementation tools – with a focus on recently released evidence in the systematic review used to recommend patient navigation to increase cancer screening. Presenters will explore implementing patient navigation through the lens of the Oncology Navigation Standards of Professional Practice ([PONT Standards](#)), as well as ways that [Comprehensive Cancer Control](#) coalitions might promote patient navigation centered screening strategies through their collaborative efforts across the country.

The American Cancer Society National Navigation Roundtable (ACS NNRT) was established in 2017. The ACS NNRT is a national coalition of 80 member organizations to advance navigation efforts that eliminate barriers to quality care, reduce disparities, and foster ongoing health equity across the cancer continuum. The American Cancer Society provides organizational leadership and expert staff support to the ACS NNRT.

Webinar:

Reaching Communities through Patient Navigation: Evidence for Action

May 2, 2023

3:30-4:45 PM ET

ACS NNRT is hosting a webinar with: Community Preventative Services Task Force (CPSTF), the Professional Oncology Navigation Task Force and the CDC's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control on The Community Guide. This webinar will provide identifying and expanding the use of evidence-based interventions to increase screening for breast, colorectal and cervical cancers to overcome barriers and help reduce some of these screening disparities.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



12th Annual American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) 2023 National Forum on the Future of Health Care.

May 10, 2023

9:00 am - 2:15 pm ET

This forum will provide leaders in advocacy, healthcare, technology and public policy to talk about policy solutions to improve health outcomes for all cancer patients. This year's

conference will focus on how patient navigation services help cancer patient and survivors overcome the barriers and challenges faced throughout their cancer care journey.

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**ACS NNRT 2023 Meeting
On The Path to Sustainability**



SAVE THE DATE

ACS NNRT 2023 General Membership Meeting *this will be a Virtual Meeting*

June 1, 2023

12:30 pm – 2:30 pm ET

Registration information to follow

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Save The Date ACS NNRT General Membership Meeting (virtual)

Registration and more information will be shared a later date.



Thank you to all who recently participated in the Membership Survey for NNRT. Good News - We had a 50% response rate and found most members (93%) wanted to continue to be active in some capacity! However, many did not identify a task group to be engaged in. It got us thinking. The present Task Groups were initiated in 2017. Should they continue? Are the descriptions of the Task Groups accurate or need to be refreshed? What is missing?

The Executive Committee and staff of NNRT has been meeting with the Task Group Co-Chairs to ask these very questions and identify the meaningful work that needs to be completed to reach our 5 Year Aim, "To support the creation of a sustainable model for oncology patient navigation to achieve health equity across the continuum of cancer care."

So what's next –

- Watch for an update on the website for a refresh of each Task Group Description
- Plan to join us for the Virtual General Membership Meeting on June 1st at to hear more about the strategic plan, activities for 2023 and 2024 and a brief update on each of the present work groups.
- Send us an email and offer your ideas.

What we're reading:

1. JONS article: [The Return on Investment of a Successful Navigation Program Becoming Familiar with Business Performance Metrics as a Method to Evaluate Navigation Services](#)
2. The Compelling History of Patient Navigators: [The Paper Gown](#)
3. Susan G. Komen: [Stand for H.E.R. Patient Navigation Program Breaks Down Barriers for Black Patients](#)
4. MacPac: [Medicaid Coverage of Community Health Worker Services](#)
5. 2023 80% in Every Community National Achievement Awards: [Award Honorees](#) from American Cancer Society National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable
6. JONS article: [Facing the End of Life: How Navigators Can Ease the Burden for Patients and Loved Ones](#)
7. HHS Releases [Initial Guidance for Historic Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program](#) for Price Applicability Year 2026
8. A First-of-Its-Kind Navigation [Acuity Tool](#) Enters a Critical Phase of Development
9. Healio: [Cancer Symptom Algorithm Can Help Identify Patients at Risk for Unplanned ED Visits](#)

Resources to share:

- Triage Cancer® offers a FREE, online training for health care professionals and advocates that covers crucial information to help patients and their caregivers mitigate the financial toxicity of a cancer diagnosis. [Insurance & Finance Intensive](#) is a training program designed specifically for oncology health care professionals and advocates.
- Cancer Screening Change Packages: [Breast Cancer](#), [Cervical Cancer](#), [Colorectal Cancer](#)
- Colorectal cancer is swiftly shifting to more advanced disease and younger individuals according to a new American Cancer Society report released March 1. The news came as ACS researchers published a new report on cancer facts and trends in CA: [A Cancer Journal for Clinicians](#), alongside its consumer-friendly companion, [Colorectal Cancer Facts & Figures 2023-2025](#).
- [Next Quality Improvement Webinars](#) from The American College of Surgeons
- National Native Network [Webinar on March 29, 2023](#) Colorectal Cancer Prevention in the Alaska Tribal Health System
- ACS has collaborated with the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) Moving Through Cancer Initiative to develop a new, evidence-based booklet for cancer survivors called [Moving Through Cancer: A Guide to Getting and Staying Active During Cancer Treatment](#).
- Medicaid and CHIP Continuous Enrollment Unwinding: [What to Know and How to Prepare, A Partner Education](#) Monthly Series, March 22 @ 12:00pm ET
- AONN+ Mid-Year Conference, May 18-21, 2023. [REGISTER HERE](#)

Cancer Moonshot highlight:

Andrea (Andi) Dwyer,(left) Chair of the American Cancer Society National Navigation Roundtable (ACS NNRT) of the Colorado Cancer Screening Program at the University of Colorado Cancer Center and Monica Dean (right) of The Academy of Oncology Nurse & Patient Navigators (AONN+) attended the Biden Administration Cancer Moonshot Colorectal Cancer Forum in March 2023, with about 50 other cancer leaders and advocates. Andi and Monica were chosen as attendees based on the importance of patient navigation and community health work as a sustainable



strategy to achieve health equity and urging the Biden administration to prioritize patient navigation and community health work within the Moonshot. Also, Andi Dwyer attended a working lunch with Fight Colorectal Cancer. This meeting provided the opportunity to create a framework to further the work between cancer prevention and control with preventive cancer screening navigation.

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