Objectives

• Introduction to the National Navigation Roundtable
• NNRT Projects & Initiatives Underway
• Showcase of the NNRT Annual Meeting
History of Patient Navigation

1989 - Report to the Nation on Cancer and the Poor

• Poor people meet significant barriers when they attempt to seek diagnosis and treatment of cancer
• Poor people experience more pain, suffering and death because of late stage disease.
• Fatalism about cancer is prevalent among the poor and prevents them from seeking care.
• Poor people and their families must take extraordinary and personal sacrifices to obtain and pay for care.
History of Patient Navigation

1990 – First Patient Navigation program in Harlem Hospital

- Women from the community were trained to explore barriers to care and navigate women to obtain screening and timely diagnosis of breast cancer
- Results:
  - Increase from 6% to 41% of patient diagnosed at Stage 1
  - Decrease from 49% to 21% in patients at Stage 3 and 4
  - Increase in survival from 39% to 70%
History & Evolution of Patient Navigation

- **1971**: National Cancer Act signed
- **1989**: Report to the Nation on Cancer and the Poor
- **1990**: First Patient Navigation Program established by Dr. Harold Freeman
- **2005**: Patient Navigator Outreach & Chronic Disease Act (HR 1812)
- **2007**: Patient Navigation Research Program
  - C-Change defines Patient Navigation
  - American Cancer Society launches Patient Navigator Program
- **2008**: Harold P. Freeman Patient Navigation Institute launches
- **2007**: NCI Community Cancer Centers Program established and includes patient navigation
Academy of Oncology Nurse & Patient Navigators (AONN+) formed

Association of Community Cancer Centers (ACCC) Cancer Program Guidelines 1: Patient Navigation Services

ONS, AOSW, NASW Joint Position on the Role of Oncology Nursing & Oncology Social Work in Patient Navigation

Commission on Cancer releases Patient Navigation Process Accreditation Standard 3.1

AONN+ launches Oncology Nurse (ONN-CG) and Oncology Patient Navigator (OPN-CG) Certification Exams

Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) Oncology Care Model begins and includes a patient navigation requirement

ONS releases Oncology Nurse Navigator Core Competencies

AONN+ releases 35 evidence-based navigation metrics

National Patient Navigation Leadership Summit held, navigation outcomes & metrics published in Cancer (2011)
Trends Impacting Patient Navigation

- Lack of standard definition of patient navigation
- No standard navigation training, curriculum or core competencies
- Lack of one standardized metrics and benchmarks
- Lack of reimbursement; sustainable funding sources
NNRT Mission

A collaboration of organizations and individuals dedicated to achieving health equity and access to quality care across the cancer continuum through effective patient navigation.
NNRT Vision

The NNRT aims to advance navigation efforts that (or in an effort to) eliminate barriers to quality cancer care, reduce disparities in health outcomes, and foster ongoing health equity. The NNRT will focus on navigation through the cancer lens and across the cancer continuum, on three tasks:

- Establishing an evidence based/outcome driven patient navigation model
- Ensuring that there is an activated trained workforce
- Establishing policies to support paying for implementation of the patient navigation model
Structure of the NNRT

• Launched in 2017 by the American Cancer Society
• Chaired by Dr. Tracy Battaglia and Andrea Dwyer
• Honorary Chair: Dr. Harold Freeman
• Led by a Steering Committee
• Roundtable membership includes nationally known experts, thought leaders and decision makers on navigation
• Comprised currently of over 50 member organizations
Member Organizations of the Roundtable
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Evidence Based Promising Practices

Why focus on the evidence?

• More evidence is needed to establish that patient navigation improves outcomes and quality of cancer care delivery

• Changes in payment models

• The need for standardized metrics and measurement strategies to demonstrate impact and ROI
Evidence Based Promising Practices

Initiatives of the Task Group include:

- Identification of navigation metrics across the cancer continuum to demonstrate ROI
- Conduct a national survey of health systems to understand the barriers to collecting and implementing navigation metrics
- Develop a system for a best practice repository
Policy

Why are we addressing policy?

- Navigation services can help patients across the cancer continuum in accessing the care that they need
- Standards of navigation vary in the field
- Little consensus on the role and scope of practice, limiting our ability to position navigation as a reimbursable service
Policy

Initiatives of the Task Group:

• Create an issue brief on patient navigation payment models

• Develop the business case for patient navigation

• Create a toolkit to guide organizations and payers in developing sustainable patient navigation programs
Workforce Development (previously Training & Certification)

Why are we addressing training & certification?

• The field has continued to grow
• Training curricula varies widely, with limited standards
• The need for navigation competency and training standards
Workforce Development (previously Training & Certification)

Initiatives of the Task Group include:

- Identification of standardized navigator competencies and metrics for identified competencies
- Develop a strategy for the utilization of high quality training programs for navigation
NNRT Annual Meeting

November 28-29th Washington DC
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