

Navigation Capacity-Building Initiative Grant



The American Cancer Society Navigation Capacity-Building Initiative Grant Program is a component of the Society's commitment to enhancing oncology patient navigation and addressing barriers to individualized, timely, and equitable access to care for cancer patients and their families.

Individual grants of \$300,000 each were awarded to twenty healthcare systems across the US & Puerto Rico, post a competitive application process. Each grant supports an established navigation program for 30 months with the goal to enhance institutional oncology patient navigation processes, policies and systems and address barriers, gaps, and challenges for patients, especially those from populations traditionally excluded. Each institution has a unique project designed to decrease health disparities and increase health equity.

Grantees are collecting core metrics based on the Standardized Evidence-Based Oncology Navigation Metrics developed by the Academy of Oncology Nurse and Patient Navigators (AONN+) in 2017. This data will measure the impact of their strategies to improve patient access to and completion of care. Grantees participate in a bi-monthly learning community to share and hear about the experiences, expertise, and lessons of successful patient navigation programs and help improve patient navigation as a practice. Evaluation and outcome measures of the grantees will be analyzed with the intent of informing the larger oncology navigation community and to contribute to future programming and policy development. The health systems awarded patient navigation grants are:

- Boston Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts
- City of Hope, Los Angeles, California
- Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, Seattle, Washington
- Harris Health System, Houston, Texas
- Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center, UT Southwestern, Dallas, TX
- HIMA San Pablo Oncologico-Caguas, Caguas, Puerto Rico
- Huntsman Cancer Institute at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah
- Markey Cancer Center-University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
- Montefiore Einstein Cancer Center, Bronx, New York
- Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois
- Stanford Cancer Institute, Palo Alto, CA
- Stephenson Cancer Center, University of OK, Oklahoma City, OK
- University Of Alabama Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama
- University of Chicago Medicine, Chicago, Illinois
- University of Colorado Denver, Aurora, Colorado
- University of New Mexico Comprehensive Cancer Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- University of Texas Health, San Antonio, TX
- Virginia Commonwealth University Massey Cancer Center, Richmond, Virginia

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