

Patient Navigation, Community Health Worker, and Promotores de Salud Resources in Colorado and Nationally

Colorado Organizations and Resources

Colorado Health Navigator Workforce Development Initiative

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The Health Navigator Workforce Development Initiative aims to define competencies and standardize training for unlicensed Health Navigators, introduce voluntary credentialing and a Health Navigator Registry, and engage partners to promote sustainability of the Health Navigator workforce in Colorado.

Patient Navigator Training Collaborative

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The Patient Navigator Training Collaborative provides national leadership for the development, education, standardization and sustainability of the growing patient navigation workforce.

Patient navigators across various healthcare settings must possess specific knowledge and skills. Imparting the knowledge and building skills are the foci of the Patient Navigator Training Collaborative. The program offers a full range of patient navigation curricula. We offer different levels of courses for new and experienced patient navigators and supervisors. Course formats include face-to-face, online, eLearning courses, and special-topic webinars. Our program team can also assist your organization. We offer consultation to transform healthcare systems through innovative, evidence-based approaches to deploying patient navigators and improving patient outcomes, satisfaction, and reducing costs.

The Alliance of Colorado Community Health Workers, Patient Navigators, and Promotores de Salud

<https://www.alliance-colorado.org> | info@alliance-colorado.org

The Alliance believes that every Coloradan has an equal opportunity to obtain healthcare that personally addresses their medical, mental, emotional, social determinants, and spiritual health needs. The Alliance promotes policies, programs, and partnerships that: reduce and eliminate barriers to quality health care both within health systems and the community; reduce disparities in health outcomes; and foster ongoing health equity.

Colorado Cancer Screening Program

<https://sites.google.com/view/colorado-cancer-screening-prog/> | andrea.dwyer@cuanschutz.edu

The Colorado Cancer Screening Program (CCSP) is a statewide program that partners with safety net hospitals and clinics to support clinic teams with delivering patient navigation services to the medically underserved for preventive cancer screenings, including colorectal cancer, lung cancer, and hereditary cancer risk assessment. CCSP also supports clinics with capacity building and systems-change efforts for each of these cancer screening focus areas. We frequently partner with community organizations and groups to provide training, education, and additional resources to participating clinics and the wider cancer community. The program is coordinated through the University of Colorado Cancer Center, with funding support from the Cancer Cardiovascular and Chronic Pulmonary Disease (CCPD) Grants Program.

CCSP Patient Navigation Sustainability Assessment Tool (PNSAT) and Planning Resources

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On this site you will find tools and resources to support sustainability planning for the clinical practice of patient navigation for preventive cancer screening. The central tool used is the Patient Navigation Sustainability Assessment Tool (PNSAT), adapted from Washington University in St. Louis's Sustainability Framework, Program Sustainability Assessment Tool (PSAT), and Clinical Sustainability Assessment Tool (CSAT). If you would like more information about the original sustainability framework and the PSAT or CSAT, visit <http://sustaintool.org>.

The PNSAT includes 8 domains of sustainability capacity. Clinical sustainability capacity is defined as "the ability of an organization to maintain structured clinical care practices over time and to evolve and adapt these practices in response to new information" (Washington University in St. Louis, 2018).

Colorado Community Health Worker and Patient Navigation Stakeholder Workgroup

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The Children's Hospital, The Colorado School of Public Health and community agencies throughout Colorado are convening engagement discussions about sustainability and workforce development of community health workers and patient advocates.

Colorado Cancer Coalition (CCC)

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The Colorado Cancer Coalition is a statewide collaborative working to eliminate the burden of cancer in Colorado. We are the statewide, bi-partisan, multidisciplinary, coalition providing education, networking, best practice sharing, and partnership opportunities for those working in oncology care and support. In addition, we support the needs of Coloradans to prevent cancer, detect cancer early, and enhance quality of life for survivors and their caregivers by disseminating education, cancer resources, and connecting patients and their caregivers to opportunities to advocate for better cancer outcomes in Colorado.

CCC Patient Navigation Task Force

<https://www.coloradocancercoalition.org/task-forces/patient-navigation/> | navigation@coloradocancercoalition.org

The mission of the Colorado Navigation Task Force, the Local Navigator Network of AONN+ is to decrease barriers to cancer care experienced by Colorado patients, families, and survivors by advancing the practice of oncology navigation throughout the state. The PNTF goals and objectives include: 1. Promote competency-based and accessible training for lay health navigators and community health workers within the cancer care continuum; 2. Promote the implementation of evidence-based health navigator and community health worker services within the cancer care continuum; Increase collaboration between Colorado oncology navigators across disease sites, institutions, and counties. This Task Force meets monthly.

National Organizations and Resources

Academy of Oncology Nurse & Patient Navigators (AONN+)

<https://aonnonline.org> | [Contact Us](#)

The Academy of Oncology Nurse & Patient Navigators (AONN+) is the largest national specialty organization dedicated to improving patient care and quality of life by defining, enhancing, and promoting the role of oncology nurse and patient navigators. Our organization of over 8,900 members was founded in May 2009 to provide a network for all professionals involved and interested in patient navigation and survivorship care services to better manage the complexities of the cancer care treatment continuum for their patients. We view our organization as one consisting of “professional patient advocates” and, to that end, we support and serve our members.

National Association of Community Health Workers

<https://nachw.org/> | [Contact Us](#)

The National Association of Community Health Workers (NACHW) was founded in April 2019 after several years of planning and organizing by Community Health Workers (CHWs) and allies across the United States. NACHW is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit membership-driven organization with a mission to unify CHWs across geography, ethnicity, sector and experience to support communities to achieve health, equity and social justice. Our mission is to unify the voices of the community health workers and strengthen the profession's capacity to promote healthy communities.

National Navigation Roundtable

<https://navigationroundtable.org/> | [Contact Us](#)

The National Navigation Roundtable (NNRT) launched in 2017 is a national coalition of over 50-member organizations and invited individuals, dedicated to achieving health equity and access to quality care across the cancer continuum through effective patient navigation.

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-to implement model
- Establishing policies to support paying for implementation of the model

Paying For Colorectal Cancer Screening Patient Navigation Toolkit & Interactive Website – Developed by NCCRT and the Colorado School of Public Health

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The NCCRT and the Colorado School of Public Health have developed this suite of resources that provide practical advice on paying for and sustaining colorectal cancer screening patient navigation to help health care professionals at every stage of a navigation program. The Toolkit (PDF), originally released in 2017, has been updated in 2019, and we've also added an interactive website and technical assistance training modules to further support screening navigation.

