



## **Patient Navigation Policy Statement**

Whereas timely access to quality medical and psychosocial care and help in moving through the health care system is essential to improving the outcomes associated with cancer diagnosis and treatment and with maintaining an acceptable quality of life;

Whereas patient navigation programs and services assist patients, families and caregivers to overcome barriers to gaining such access and to moving from screening through all phases of the cancer experience;

Whereas patient navigation programs and services range from telephone and web-based information and referrals provided by many national cancer organizations, such as the National Cancer Institute, the American Cancer Society, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the Patient Advocate Foundation to an increasing number of services and programs provided through patient advocate and other national organizations, outpatient centers, hospitals, and community agencies.;

Therefore it is resolved that C-Change supports promoting and expanding the use of existing and new well planned and evaluated national and community based patient navigation programs and services using trained professional, nonprofessional and/or volunteer navigators within the nation's oncology care network;

Let it further be resolved that C-Change will help foster the use of cancer patient navigation programs and services through targeted educational and other interventions with national and community organizations, private and government health insurance providers, healthcare and business organizations, and the public.

Approved by PN Promotion Initiative workgroup  
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