

# ACS NBCRT Newsletter

January 2024



## Headline News

We are thrilled to present to you the first edition of the American Cancer Society National Breast Cancer Roundtable (ACS NBCRT) Newsletter.

The ACS NBCRT was established in 2022. The ACS NBCRT is a national coalition of member organizations dedicated to leading collective action across the nation so that all persons and their support systems will know and understand breast cancer risk and screening needs, and can access timely, high-quality, and compassionate screening, diagnosis, treatment, and supportive care needed to improve their survival and quality of life.

## ACS NBCRT Updates

The inaugural ACS NBCRT **Strategic Planning Meeting**, held in Houston, Texas from September 6th to 8th, 2023, set the stage with the theme "Joining Hands to Build Bridges and Save Lives."

This momentous gathering brought together 100 professionals, encompassing various industries, thought leaders, and lived experience experts from across the nation. Their collective goal was to pave the way for a brighter future for the roundtable and its life-saving initiatives over the next five years, fostering unity and collaboration.

This meeting built on a 10-month strategic planning process, including 946 voices heard through interviews, community conversations, and surveys, as well as 14 virtual work group meetings and contributions from 110 individual collaborators. In December, the ACS NBCRT presented our first abstract at SABCS entitled, "Accelerating Progress and Achieving Health Equity as The American Cancer Society National Breast Cancer Roundtable." We had the opportunity to present our work to attendees, and we look forward to growing the ACS NBCRT presence at this conference.



## Events

**January 30 at 11:00 AM ET:** New Member Coffee & Conversation. Register [here](#).

**February 1 at 1:00 PM ET:** New Member Coffee & Conversation. Register [here](#).

As part of our commitment to inclusivity, from October 15 to November 3, 2023, the ACS NBCRT collected Open Comments on the 2024-2029 Strategic Plan, which are now under review for potential content changes before the final publication. **Stay tuned for the release of the finalized 2024-2029 Strategic Plan!**



## Save the Date: 2024 Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars for the in-person Annual Meeting scheduled for September 4-6, 2024. Location and details will be shared soon—stay tuned!



## Leadership Updates

The ACS NBCRT would like to honor the life and legacy of two of our inaugural Steering Committee members, Edith Mitchell, MD, MACP, FCCP, FRCP and Wortia McCaskill-Stevens, MD, MS.

Thank you for your leadership, service, and contributions to the ACS NBCRT.



Edith Mitchell, MD, MACP, FCCP, FRCP



Wortia McCaskill-Stevens, MD, MS

## Steering Committee Member Updates

The ACS NBCRT is excited to announce the addition of three distinguished individuals to our Steering Committee. Join us in extending a heartfelt welcome to our newest members: Dr. Erika Hamilton, Dr. Nancy Lin, and Tia Newcomer. We invite you to learn more about their impressive backgrounds and contributions by exploring their bios [here](#).



Dr. Erika Hamilton, MD



Dr. Nancy U. Lin, MD



Tia Newcomer

## Priority Task Group Updates and Sign-Ups

The ACS NBCRT is introducing both Priority Task Groups and Standing Committees, offering excellent opportunities for member involvement. Consider [applying](#) for a leadership or membership position in one of the following:

### Priority Task Groups:

1. Risk Assessment, Screening, and Early Diagnosis
2. Inclusion in Clinical Trials
3. Support and Wellness Services
4. Access to Treatment

### Standing Committees:

1. Annual Meeting Planning Committee
2. Membership Recruitment Committee
3. Bylaws Committee
4. Leadership Nominating Committee



## Membership Updates

Know an organization passionate about our mission? Consider sharing our membership **application** to help expand our impact together! For a complete list of our current member organizations, click **here**.

### Please welcome new ACS NBCRT Members:

- Angels Surviving Cancer, Inc.
- Banner Health- University of Arizona Cancer Center
- Bexa Equity Alliance
- Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas
- CMR Naviscan
- GRAIL
- Hologic
- Infinite Strength, Inc.
- Invitae
- LIVE-Today Foundation, Inc
- My Density Matters
- My Sister My Friend Breast Cancer Support
- Penn State Health Department of Family and Community Medicine
- Relay Therapeutics
- The Breasties
- Touch4Life
- University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center

New member organizations, please complete your **Member Organization Profile**.



## ACS News

### ACS Releases Annual Cancer Statistics Report

On January 17th, the **American Cancer Society** released Cancer Statistics, 2024, the organization's annual report on cancer facts and trends. The new data show overall cancer mortality has continued to decline, however, this progress is jeopardized by increasing incidence for 6 of the top 10 cancers as the projected number of new diagnoses now tops 2 million for the first time. These important findings are published in **CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians**, alongside its consumer-friendly companion, Cancer Facts & Figures 2024, available on **cancer.org**.

### ACS Leadership in Oncology Navigation Program

The American Cancer Society is excited to announce the launch of Leadership in Oncology Navigation (ACS LION™), a standardized training and credentialing program for patient navigators who deliver essential non-clinical support.

Available January 1, 2024, ACS LION meets the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid

Services (CMS) training requirements for "Principal Illness Navigation" reimbursement, as introduced in the 2024 CMS Physician Fee Schedule, and is aligned to professional oncology navigation (PONT) standards.

Priced at \$495 per learner, this program is completed online and is self-paced. Grants for learners are available. Details about the program and course modules will be available on January 1 at [cancer.org/navigationcredential](https://cancer.org/navigationcredential).

In addition to training and credentialing, ACS, in collaboration with the ACS National Navigation Roundtable, will continue to serve as a national convener of stakeholders interested in the implementation, evaluation, and sustainability of patient navigation. We'll offer a variety of resources to help oncology providers build effective and efficient professional navigation services.

Questions? Please contact us at [ACSLION@cancer.org](mailto:ACSLION@cancer.org).



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