

As we move through the heart of summer, the ACS National Breast Cancer Roundtable continues its work to reduce breast cancer mortality and advance health equity. This month's newsletter brings exciting updates, recent resources you may have missed, and a call to help shape the future of our work.

Whether you're a founding member or just joined us, thank you for being part of this collaborative effort. Let's keep pushing forward together!

Melissa & Lilly

Roundtable News

Letter from Dr. Ben Park

We're excited to introduce Dr. Ben Park as the new co-chair of the ACS NBCRT Steering Committee. In a quick Q&A, he shares why he joined the Roundtable, what excites him most about our work, and a personal fun fact:

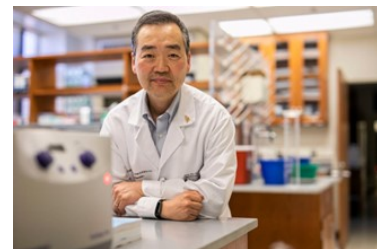
What inspired you to join the ACS NBCRT?

Two reasons: 1) ACS is an amazing organization and I'm so thrilled to learn of Shane [Jacobson] joining the leadership. ACS was my first external funding source (ACS-IRG) when I started my Hopkins faculty position in 2002, so I am eternally grateful for ACS launching my career. 2) Funmi asked me, and I am so in awe of her, her career, and her stature in our field, how could I say no?

What excites you about our work?

I think ACS has the international stature and gravitas to be THE voice of change for (breast) cancer research and care delivery. The work ACS does that connects research to patient care at the community level is unique, (e.g. Hope Lodge), and is something that I hope to help "write the next chapter" of how ACS makes a positive impact for everyone (and their loved ones) with cancer.

FUN FACT: I'm an identical twin. John Ho Park is a ex-businessperson (now retired...yes, he was the smart one). But I used to say that cloning and genetics are in my genes. 😊



[Learn More about Ben](#)

Get Involved

[Looking Ahead to Our Annual Meeting](#)

We can hardly wait to gather this September 18th - 19th in Washington, D.C. for our ACS NBCRT Annual Meeting!

This year's program will spark forward-thinking conversations around some of the most pressing challenges and opportunities in breast cancer. From exploring the role of AI in equitable screening to tackling the rise of breast cancer in younger individuals, our sessions will highlight innovative strategies and collaborative solutions.

We're especially excited to showcase the newly developed ACS NBCRT Risk Assessment Digital Toolkit, share findings from our Support & Wellness Scoping Review, and dive into practical approaches to expand clinical trial access through patient navigation. This meeting promises to inspire, connect, and drive momentum for the work ahead.

If you have any questions about the Annual Meeting, please don't hesitate to reach out to nbcrt@cancer.org!



Insights & Resources

ICYMI: Previous ASC NBCRT Webinars

Solutions for Success: Enhancing Patient Access and Accrual in Cancer Clinical Trials: Held on January 23, 2025, this webinar featured Dr. Mark Fleury of ACS CAN and focused on actionable strategies to increase access and diversity in clinical trials. Participants explored barriers, discussed real-world solutions, and engaged in interactive breakout sessions. (Breakouts not included in the recording.)

[Watch Now](#)

Breast Density and Breast Cancer Risk: What You Need to Know: On March 26, 2025, leading experts—including Dr. Rachel Brem, Dr. Amy Patel, and patient advocate Leslie Yerger—explored the implications of breast density for cancer risk and screening. The webinar also covered evolving legislation and emerging best practices.

[Watch Now](#)

Call to Action

Call for Nominations: 2025-2025 ACS NBCRT Steering Committee

Nominations close this **Friday, August 8!** We're seeking passionate leaders to help guide the ACS NBCRT's strategy and amplify the collective voice of our membership. Steering Committee members are essential in ensuring our work remains impactful and mission-driven.

Nominate yourself or a colleague from a participating organization. Learn more and apply:

[Submit a Nomination Today!](#)

Stay Connected

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to the ACS National Breast Cancer Roundtable. Your efforts are driving real progress for people affected by breast cancer.

Questions? Ideas? Want to connect further? Email us anytime at nbcrt@cancer.org. We're grateful for your partnership and look forward to what's ahead!

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