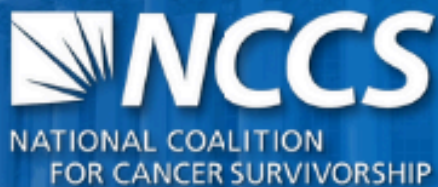


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CANCER POLICY ROUNDTABLE



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Since 1986, NCCS has been a trusted source in the cancer community and a leading voice in the field of cancer survivorship. For more than 20 years, NCCS has hosted twice yearly Cancer Policy Roundtable (CPR) meetings, convening diverse stakeholders to discuss pressing cancer policy issues.

NCCS convened another successful Cancer Policy Roundtable on Thursday, March 28, 2024, hosting a compelling series of panels and guest speakers, discussing the critical issues in quality cancer survivorship care.



Keynote Address The Promise of Vaccines for Breast Cancer



Kristen Dahlgren Co-Founder The Pink Eraser Project

Keynote speaker Kristen Dahlgren, Co-Founder of [The Pink Eraser Project](#) shared insight on the promise of vaccines for breast cancer. Formerly a network correspondent with NBC, Dahlgren left her "dream job" after her personal cancer experience to co-found the nonprofit. The Pink Eraser Project is laser-focused on developing vaccines for the treatment and prevention of breast cancer, and eventually for all cancers. When asked "Why does a reporter quit her job to start a breast cancer non-profit?", Dahlgren says "I believe we can make a difference. Why me? Why not me! Many of our worlds were turned upside down by cancer, but that does not mean we can't change the world!"

Survivor Perspective



Liza Fues, JD

George Washington University
Cancer Center

Lisa D. T. Rice, SM

Vice-Chair, Board of Directors
National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship

Two-time breast cancer survivor and CPAT member Liza Fues, JD opened the 2024 Spring Cancer Policy Roundtable by sharing her perspective as a survivor and advocate. Diagnosed prior to the identification of BRCA gene mutations, Liza discussed how the revelation that she and her daughters carry the gene mutation impacted their lives. "From the time they were little, we started talking about it in an age appropriate way. Advocacy is woven into our daily lives. Research has led to the progress that allowed for my daughters to take prophylactic steps and become previvors."

Cancer Patients are Getting Younger—Implications for Research, Treatment, and Survivorship Care



Otis Brawley, MD

Bloomberg Distinguished Professor of Oncology and Epidemiology
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Kathleen Castro, MS, RN, AOCN

Nurse Consultant/Program Director, Healthcare Delivery Research Program
National Cancer Institute

Andrea Hans

Breast Cancer Survivor

Robin Yabroff, PhD, MBA

Scientific Vice President, Health Services Research
American Cancer Society

Shelley Fuld Nasso, MPP (Moderator)

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NCCS board member, Otis Brawley, MD kicked off the second session providing data about the rise in early onset cancer incidence and disparities in different demographic groups (age, race, education), followed by a panel of experts who discussed cancer in young adults and the implications for research, treatment, and survivorship care.

Survivor Andrea Hans, diagnosed with breast cancer at 28 points to financial hardship as a significant barrier to care for young adult cancer survivors. "I didn't have insurance. My first thought when I was diagnosed was 'I can't afford this.' I knew many women who chose to stop treatment because they couldn't afford it."

Robin Yabroff, PhD, MBA, the Scientific Vice President of Health Services Research at American Cancer Society shared data on financial toxicity for young adults and policies that have improved financial toxicity, and Kathleen Castro, MS, RN, AOCN, from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) discussed research implications for long-term survivorship.

State Prescription Drug Affordability Boards



Rev. Dr. Sandra Conner

Deputy Director
Maryland Health Care for All

Melissa Horn, MPA

Director of State Legislative Affairs
Arthritis Foundation

Patrick Plues

Vice President, Government Affairs and External Relations
Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO)

Andrew York, JD, PharmD

Executive Director
Maryland Prescription Drug Affordability Board

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In our second panel, a group of experts discussed the latest efforts of state prescription drug affordability boards to address the cost of prescription drugs, as well as the implications for patient access.

- Andrew York, PharmD, JD, Executive Director of the Maryland Prescription Drug Affordability Board, describe Maryland's PDAB efforts to look at affordability broadly and its future plans.
- Patrick Plues, Vice President, Government Affairs and External Relation for the Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO) discussed the landscape of PDAB efforts in states across the country and the potential impact on innovation and patient access.
- Rev. Dr. Sandra Conner Maryland Health Care for All shared her organization's advocacy around Maryland's PDAB and the need for affordable prescriptions.
- Melissa Horn, Director of State Legislative Affairs for Arthritis Foundation, discussed the need for patient input in PDAB efforts and challenges to patient access.

Providing Every Cancer Patient a Navigator – Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Codes for Calendar Year 2024



Anabella Aspiras, MBA

Assistant Director, Cancer Moonshot Engagement
The White House

Karen Hagerty, MD

Director, Reimbursement Policy
American Society of Clinical Oncology

Kashyap Patel, MD

CEO
Carolina Blood and Cancer Care Associates

Jason Resendez

President & CEO
National Alliance for Caregiving

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The final panel of the day was "Providing Every Cancer Patient a Navigator – Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Codes for Calendar Year 2024." Panelists discussed the new Medicare Physician Fee Schedule codes for calendar year 2024, including payment for patient navigation, assessment of social determinants of health, community health integration, and caregiver training.

- Karen Hagerty, MD, Chief Regulatory Officer for the American Society (ASCO), provided an overview of the new codes and the challenges for clinicians to integrate new codes into their practice and workflow.
- Kashyap Patel, MD, CEO of Carolina Blood and Cancer Care Associates, shared how he is implementing the new codes in his practice to meet the needs of each patient.
- Anabella Aspiras, MBA, Assistant Director, Cancer Moonshot Engagement at the White House, shared the importance of the new codes from the administration's perspective as the part of the Cancer Moonshot.
- Jason Resendez, President & CEO of the National Alliance for Caregiving, discuss the role of family caregivers and the opportunity and implementation challenges of the caregiver training services.

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