



Cancer Policy Roundtable (CPR)

March 28, 2024

Conrad Washington, DC

950 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001

8:30-9:00am ET

Registration and Breakfast

9:00-9:30am ET

Survivor Perspective

Liza Fues, JD

Cancer Survivor and CPAT Member

George Washington University Cancer Center

Interviewed by Lisa D. T. Rice, SM

Vice-Chair, Board of Directors

National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship

9:30-11:00am ET

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

The American Cancer Society report – Cancer Statistics, 2024 – includes good news about declines in cancer mortality, with more than 4 million deaths averted between 1991 and 2021 as the result of improved treatment options, reductions in smoking, and earlier detection for some cancers. However, the report details an increase in incidence for 6 of the top 10 cancers. The report also says that among adults 65 and older, adults from 50 to 64, and those younger than 50, people younger than 50 were the group to experience an increase in overall cancer incidence from 1995 to 2020. Cancer diagnoses are shifting younger, with significant implications not only for those diagnosed younger but for the entire nation. Panelists will discuss the findings of the 2024 statistics and the implications of the report.

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*)

CEO

National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship

11:00-11:15am ET

Break

11:15-12:15pm ET

State Prescription Drug Affordability Boards

State lawmakers in recent years have joined the US Congress in considering a wide range of options for addressing the cost of prescription drugs. One of the approaches that has been embraced by a number of states is the prescription drug affordability board (PDAB). Lawmakers in the states have given their PDABs different authorities; some PDABs are permitted to cap payments on drug spending, while others focus on increasing transparency in prescription drug coverage and payment.

Patient advocates are engaging with PDABs in several states, seeking to ensure that PDAB price actions benefit patients directly and do not unintentionally restrict access to lifesaving therapies. The panel will include policymakers engaged in legislating and implementing PDABs, policy experts who are studying their impact as the PDABs become operational, and patients who have interacted with PDABs.

Rev. Dr. Sandra Conner

Deputy Director

Maryland Health Care for All

Melissa Horn, MPA

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Arthritis Foundation

Patrick Plues

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Andrew York, JD, PharmD

Executive Director

Maryland Prescription Drug Affordability Board

Shelley Fuld Nasso, MPP (*moderator*)

National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship

12:15-1:00pm ET

Lunch

1:00-1:45pm ET

Keynote Address: The Promise of Vaccines for Breast Cancer

Kristen Dahlgren

Co-Founder, The Pink Eraser Project

1:45-2:00pm ET

Break

2:00-3:00pm ET

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

The Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) for calendar year 2024 includes codes for Principal Illness Management, Community Health Integration, and Social Determinants of Health Assessment. The new codes honor a goal of the Biden Administration, through the renewed Cancer Moonshot Initiative, to provide every cancer patient the services of a navigator. By establishing a number of PFS codes to pay for navigation services, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is seeking to provide a sustainable source of payment for navigation services. The 2024 PFS also acknowledges the role of caregivers by supporting those caregivers and the care they provide to cancer survivors.

As has been the experience with other codes that reimburse for care coordination, acceptance and utilization of new codes can be slow and occur over a lengthy period of time. Utilization of the codes must begin with awareness among providers that the new codes exist, and then strategies for how to use the codes to support quality care for Medicare beneficiaries. In the case of the navigation codes, there is also the ability to utilize the services of lay navigators to provide services. This feature of the codes is strongly supported by the cancer community but may pose an early implementation challenge.

The panel will discuss the new codes and their implementation, bringing the perspectives of government officials, health care professionals, navigators, and those who train them, and the patients who have benefited from navigation services.

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Assistant Director, Cancer Moonshot Engagement
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