

What Difference Do Navigators Make?

- Improved screening rates
- Improved adherence to diagnostic evaluations
- Possible improved staging (earlier)
- Decreased time to treatment initiation
- Decreased anxiety and distress
- Improved quality of life
- Increased satisfaction

Patient Navigation Training

- Overview of Health/Cancer Disparities
- Roles/Responsibilities of Patient Navigator
- Overview of Cancer, Screening, Treatment
- Culture and Diversity
- Communication
- Introduction to clinical research
- Mapping resources
- Resource management

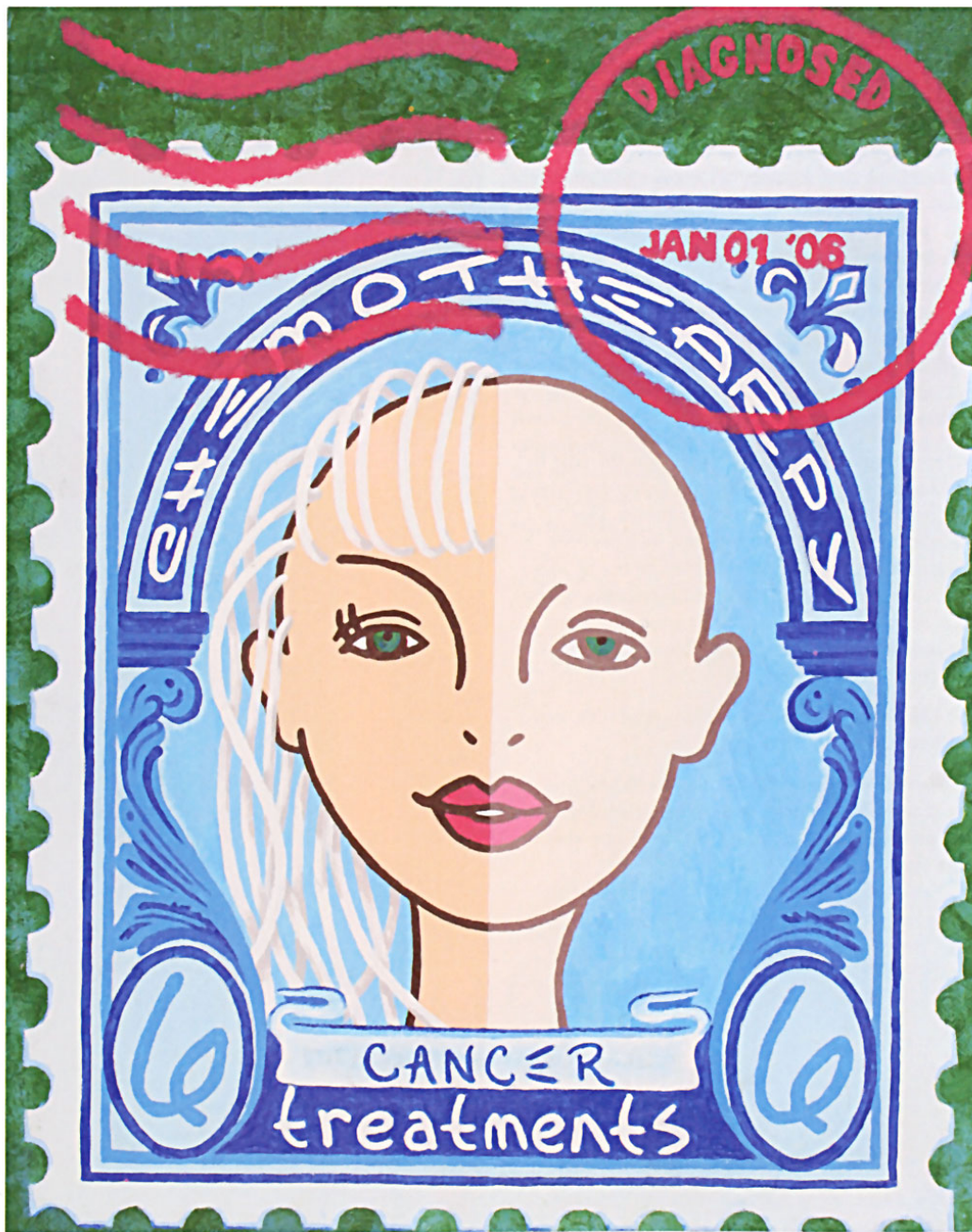
– Calhoun 2008

Patient Navigator Programs

- NCI (8 Centers)
 - Time to diagnostic resolution
 - Time to initiate treatment
 - Satisfaction with care
 - Cost effectiveness
- ACS (>80 sites)
- CMS (6 Centers RCT)

What Do Patient Navigators Add To Existing Cancer Care?

- Focus on closing gaps for disadvantaged
- Reduce barriers across system(s)



Cancer

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