

Navigator's Role in Colorectal Screening

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Navigation 101

- All Community Health Workers (CHW) are Navigators
- All Navigators are NOT Community Health Workers

Primary focus for navigation:

- To eliminate barriers to care for an individual
 - Barriers occur across socioeconomic demographics



OUTREACH

PATIENT NAVIGATION

REHABILITATION

SUSPICIOUS FINDING

Abnormal Results → Diagnosis → Treatment → Survivorship

RESOLUTION

CONCLUDE NAVIGATION



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Navigators or CHW?

- CHWs are embedded in the community
 - Living and working in the community
 - Typically lay person trained for common disease state(s)
 - Is connection between community and medical system
- Navigators
 - Nurse, Social work or non-licensed
 - Typically meets person at time of suspicious findings



Common barriers

- Transportation
- Finances
- Support
- Health Literacy
 - Lack of basic terminology/ anatomy/ disease states
 - Lack of knowledge of community resources
 - Lack of knowledge of insurance options/ coverage



Navigators know RESOURCES

- Navigators or Community health workers embedded in the community have a unique opportunity to educate about the importance of cancer screening when talking about cancer or working on other chronic diseases.



Navigation in Colorectal Screening Approaches in Danville

- Several groups in Danville are exploring implementing CHWs
 - ED intervention
 - Public Housing
 - FQHC
 - PCP in following chronic diseases
- CHWs will be trained in cancer screening and resources



Approaches in Danville

- Navigators used as speakers
 - Churches
 - Civic organizations
 - Classrooms
- Screening guidelines, printed information and local resources are provided
- On- site scheduling for screenings or list
- Navigator follows with patient



Approaches In Danville

- Navigator screens for other cancers when assessing for barriers
- Survivorship care plan should include specific screening schedule with local resources listed

