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THE CAMPAIGN TO END CANCER



## Patient Navigation

### **A tailored patient experience**

An often daunting first step after a life-changing cancer diagnosis involves scheduling and planning various appointments. The “white space” of time between making initial contact and meeting an oncologist can be an incredibly stressful part of the patient experience.

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center is bridging this gap through our leading Patient Navigation program. Initial findings from our pilot and first year’s implementation revealed that having access to an oncology nurse navigator dramatically improved a patient’s experience throughout the continuum of care, from the first point of contact to survivorship and post-treatment care. Navigators align patient treatment goals with care plans, reduce hospital admissions and emergency care visits, and improve connectivity to needed support services, all resulting in more promising patient outcomes.

Our Patient Navigation program will incorporate nurse navigators into all service areas, giving every patient personalized and continuous support. Once fully launched across service lines, UT MD Anderson will have the largest oncology patient navigation program in the country — and be able to provide cancer-specific, specialized resources to patients like never before.

## **Our mission is clear. The time is now.**

For more than 80 years, millions have turned to UT MD Anderson for lifesaving care, where we transform cancer treatment through leading-edge research and innovative clinical practices. Uniquely integrated under one roof, our world-leading resources and capabilities form a strong foundation. But to achieve our boldest goals, philanthropy must accelerate what is possible.

With a goal to raise \$2.5 billion in our largest-ever philanthropic campaign, UT MD Anderson is uniquely positioned to expedite breakthroughs that rapidly improve treatments and lead to cures; to elevate the patient experience and redefine standards for high-value care; and to expand our reach, bringing advancements to more patients than ever before.

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