The Cancer Patient Navigators of Georgia (CPNG) was founded as a unique statewide organization of individuals serving people with all types of cancer, at all stages, in all types of settings, with a diversity of education and training and a shared mission.

Mission: Connect, educate and share best practices among patient navigators in Georgia, in order to reduce barriers and increase access to services and resources specifically related to cancer.

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July 2009 - 1st Annual Meeting
- 100+ cancer patient navigators attended
- Navigators span the continuum of care

October 2009 - CPNG Steering Team Retreat
- Developed mission, vision, logo, by-laws, elected officers, established committees

May 2010 - CPNG Website Launched
- Members only section

November 2010 - Social networking survey
- 100 members participated

December 2012 - Best and Promising Practices Conference
- CPNG panel

June 2014 - Georgia Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan
- Navigation Services included as one of eight priorities for 2014-2019

November 2014 - Integrative Oncology Navigator Education (I-ONE)
- Pilot Study randomized experiential and online components

CONCLUSIONS
- The initial survey indicating a need to create a statewide multidisciplinary organization for those who help individuals navigate the cancer journey was the beginning of the Cancer Patient Navigators of Georgia.
- Ongoing surveys of members have guided the development of educational and networking opportunities since 2009.
- The 2012 American College of Surgeons, Commission on Cancer (COC) guidelines focused on improving survival and quality of life and expanded the emphasis on navigation services.
- Integrative Oncology Navigator Education (I-ONE) study results will guide education about and incorporation of integrative therapies into practice.
- Cancer Patient Navigators of Georgia will continue to be a source for discussion and implementation of standards and multidisciplinary collaboration, advocacy, and best cancer navigation practices in Georgia and the surrounding region.

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