Georgia is one of the first states in the country to form a statewide multi-disciplinary organization for Cancer Patient Navigators. This organization was formed to connect people who guide individuals and their families throughout the cancer care continuum. Cancer Patient Navigators of Georgia (CPNG) is comprised of individuals who serve people with all types of cancer, at all stages, in all types of settings. CPNG members have a diversity of education and training, but a shared mission: to connect, educate and share best practices among patient navigators in Georgia, as well as successfully reduce barriers and increase access to cancer-related services.

Established in 2009, CPNG’s website, www.GACancerPatientNavigators.org has a “members only” section where cancer patient navigators across the state can share information and resources, as well as join special interest groups within CPNG. Co-sponsored by Georgia CORE and the Georgia Society of Clinical Oncology (GASCO), CPNG has more than 340+ members working throughout the state.

In addition, CPNG hosts an annual meeting designed to update its members on items of interest to their profession. This event runs in conjunction with the Georgia Society of Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting and Best of ASCO®. During this conference, the Matt Mumber, MD, Visionary Award for Excellence in Patient Navigation is awarded to a Georgia resident, program or organization that has demonstrated an appreciation of the essential role of cancer patient navigators. This award includes a $2,000 grant co-sponsored by GASCO and Georgia CORE. CPNG also publishes “Compass,” a monthly Newsletter.