

Introducing patient navigation in the Caribbean



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Short description

Metastatic breast cancer patient navigation programme with integrations in the public and private sectors and an interactive web-based application.

Abstract

Trinidad and Tobago has one of the highest breast cancer mortality rates in the Caribbean and the highest Breast Cancer Mortality: Incidence Ratio in the Americas. Many factors can explain these disparities, including shortfalls in healthcare administration, and there is a pressing need for a patient navigator to provide support to local and regional metastatic breast cancer patients (MBC). The Caribbean Cancer Research Initiative proposes to develop an MBC patient navigation programme with integrations in the public and private sectors and an interactive, web-based application for those seeking information on how to navigate care. The patient navigation programme will be an advocate ensuring patients understand their diagnosis and are equipped to handle the logistical, financial and emotional hurdles involved. Further, in a culture with pervasive myths and taboos surrounding conventional therapy, we also anticipate that treatment adherence will increase. To our knowledge, this will be the first comprehensive patient navigation programme in Trinidad and Tobago and possibly also in the English-speaking Caribbean.

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"This will be the first comprehensive patient navigation programme in Trinidad and Tobago that will help establish its wider use throughout the Caribbean. CCRI is thankful for the award and is excited about the benefits, which includes cancer care research."



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