

# Meet our Dedicated and Caring Team



**Shannon D'Acquisto**, Director, Cancer Survivor

A two-time cancer survivor, Shannon was first diagnosed with cancer in 2005 and has since then spent much of her career working with and advocating for patient resources and services in San Luis Obispo County. Shannon was born and raised on the Central Coast and is proud to call this home. She believes in creating programs that support each patient where they are on their own journey. Every cancer story is unique, so finding new and improved ways to touch and support the lives of cancer patients and families is a passion of hers.



**Julie Neiggemann, RN, MSN, OCN**, Oncology Nurse Navigator

Julie brings much experience in both oncology and education to her duties as an oncology nurse navigator. Julie is grateful to serve the patients at HCRC by providing education, emotional support, and connection with resources. She values delivering health care with compassion and empathy with a commitment to whole-person care—qualities she exemplifies as a nurse navigator. Julie's scope of work includes facilitating access to services before diagnosis, through treatment and survivorship as she provides information regarding cancer diagnosis, treatment, genetic testing, and local cancer care. Julie offers personal assistance to help patients identify their concerns to address with their doctor as well as access to financial and social services.



**Ashley Hahn, MSW, LCSW**, Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Ashley is passionate about helping others and providing support to patients and families during the cancer experience. Ashley has worked as a social worker in health care settings for the past 17 years in oncology, home health, hospice and palliative care here on the Central Coast. Ashley is available to facilitate social and emotional care needs and to provide referrals to essential community resources for cancer patients, their families and caregivers.



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**Eloisa F. Medina**, Patient Navigator

Eloisa is a bilingual (English/Spanish) certified medical interpreter and is highly knowledgeable in the education, support and resources available for patients. She has also participated in the Promotores Collaborative of San Luis Obispo. The purpose of the patient navigator is to help guide and support those who find themselves undergoing a complicated diagnostic process, and act as an advocate between community members and the health care system. Additionally, Eloisa strives to help promote early cancer awareness in the Hispanic population.



**Ramie Castilleja, MBA**, Program Coordinator

Ramie has a great depth of passion when it comes to helping support members of this community and being a part of something larger than herself. Ramie has had extensive training working with diverse demographics through non-profit, government, and healthcare sectors to have a great understanding of the needs of the organization's participants. She provides assistance with members and staff of the Hearst Cancer Resource Center - another wonderful resource with Dignity Health.



**Angela Fissell, MS, RD**, Clinical Registered Dietitian

Angela is a clinical registered dietitian with over 20 years of experience helping clients with a variety of health related conditions. In the past 14 years, she has increased her focus in the area of oncology nutrition providing customized nutritional counseling to cancer patients as she helps them to plan and maintain a nutritious, healthful diet through treatment and survival. Angela works closely with each client to share her expertise in oncology nutrition as well as helpful tips on the management of side effects of cancer treatment. She also teaches at various community programs.



**Lisa Steinbeck**, Certified Cancer Registrar

Cancer registrars are data information specialists that capture a complete history, diagnosis, treatment, and health status for every cancer patient in the U.S. The data provide essential information to researchers, healthcare providers, and public health officials to better monitor and advance cancer treatments, conduct research, and improve cancer prevention and screening programs. At French Hospital, the cancer registrar assists in maintaining Commission on Cancer accreditation for excellence in cancer care and reporting newly-diagnosed cancer cases to the State of California.