



Colorectal Cancer – A Young Patient Shares Her Story

September 12, 2018 1:00-2:00 PM CT

Click here to register: [ILCCRT Roundtable Event](#)

Agenda

1:00-1:05 PM Introduction

1:05-1:50 PM

Violet Kuchar - A Young Patient Shares Her Story

1:50-2:00 PM Q&A

About the Illinois Colorectal Cancer Roundtable

The Illinois Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is focused on improving the state's capacity to implement evidence-based interventions to increase colorectal cancer screening rates to 80% by December 2018. This program seeks to establish an organized framework for addressing colorectal cancer screening, prevention, and control among multi-sector partners.

The Illinois Colorectal Cancer Roundtable partners include:

- American Cancer Society
- Illinois Public Health Association
- Hope Light Foundation
- University of Chicago School of Medicine
- Southern Illinois University School of Medicine – Simmons Cancer Institute
- Northwestern Medicine – Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center

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Learning Objectives:

- Understand the importance of early colorectal cancer (CRC) detection,
- Communicate the patient perspective of colorectal cancer, and
- Identify patient resources that aid in the management of colorectal cancer (patient navigators, support groups, etc.).

Presenter:

Violet Kuchar

Violet was 31 years old when she was diagnosed with Stage IV Colorectal Cancer. She spent a year trying to convince doctors something was wrong, only to be told repeatedly she was “too young” to have this disease.

Currently considered incurable, Violet continues bi-weekly chemotherapy treatments while sharing her story and educating herself through building relationships within the patient community.

Join us to learn more about Violet's story, early onset colorectal cancer, and valuable insight from the patient perspective that all patient navigators and providers should know. Violet works with patient navigators in her own treatment and moderates online groups as part of *Colontown*, the leading online patient community for colorectal cancer patients. She also serves on the *District of Columbia (DC) Young Adult Cancer Advisory Board* in collaboration with the Smith Center for Healing and the Arts, which helps provide programming to young adult cancer patients in DC and to build relationships and communities of healing and love.



Resources:

- [Colon Club](#)
- [CancerConnect Colon Cancer Support Group](#)
- [Fight CRC](#)
- [ACS Colorectal Cancer](#)
- [Colon Cancer Alliance](#)
- [Cancer Hope Network](#)