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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### EDUCATION

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**Ph.D., Medical Sociology** **April 2018**  
The University of Alabama at Birmingham

**M.S. Clinical Investigation Sciences** **May 2008**  
University of Louisville, Louisville, KY

**B. Pharmacy** **March 2005**  
Government College of Pharmacy,  
Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences,  
Bangalore, Karnataka, India

#### Certification:

- Certified Clinical Research Professional (CCRP) awarded by Society of Clinical Research Associates (SOCRA)
- Certificate in Project Management from UAB School of Business

#### Professional License: Registered Pharmacist

Karnataka State Pharmacy Council an affiliate of Pharmacy Council of India (PCI).  
Bangalore, India

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Assistant Professor** **09/2018-Present**  
Department of Health Services Administration  
UAB School of Health Professions  
Birmingham, AL

**Quality Assurance Manager-Oncology** **05/2015-8/2018**  
UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center, Birmingham, AL

**Clinical Trials Manager** **06/2012-05/2015**  
UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center, Clinical Studies Unit (CSU), Birmingham, AL

<b>Clinical Trials Administrator</b> UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center, CSU, Birmingham, AL 35249	<b>12/2011-06/2012</b>
<b>Senior Program Manager: Clinical Coordination</b> Tulane Cancer Center, New Orleans, LA 70112	<b>07/2010 – 12/2011</b>
<b>Clinical Research Coordinator</b> Tulane University, New Orleans, LA 70112	<b>09/2008 – 07/2010</b>
<b>Student Research Coordinator</b> Kosair Children's Pediatrics Clinical Research Unit, Louisville, Kentucky	<b>03/2007 – 05/2008</b>
<b>Student Research Assistant</b> Dept of Epidemiology and Population Health, University Of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky	<b>01/2007-03/2007</b>
<b>Student Research Assistant</b> Dept of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences, University Of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky	<b>04/2007-05/2008</b>
<b>Student Tutor</b> Holman Learning Centre, Eastern Michigan University Ypsilanti, Michigan	<b>08/2006-12/2006</b>
<b>Clinical Research Associate</b> Quintiles Spectral (India) Private Limited	<b>08/2005 –06/2006</b>
<b>Intern</b> Karnataka Antibiotics and Pharmaceuticals Limited, Bangalore India	<b>04/2004-06/2004</b>

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Health services research, Implementation science, Social determinants of chronic diseases, Racial and gender health disparities, Cancer care outcomes, Palliative cancer care

## **SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**

- **Niranjan, S.J.**, Wallace, A., Williams, B.R., Turkman, Y., Williams, C.P., Bhatia, S., Knight, S. and Rocque, G.B., 2019. Trust but Verify: Exploring the Role of Treatment-Related Information and Patient-Physician Trust in Shared Decision Making Among Patients with Metastatic Breast Cancer. *Journal of Cancer Education*, pp.1-8.
- Rocque, G.B., Rasool, A., Williams, B.R., Wallace, A.S., **Niranjan, S.J.**, Halilova, K.I., Turkman, Y.E., Ingram, S.A., Williams, C.P., Forero-Torres, A. and Smith, T., 2019. What Is Important When Making Treatment Decisions in Metastatic Breast Cancer? A Qualitative Analysis of Decision-Making in Patients and Oncologists. *The Oncologist*, pp.theoncologist-2018.

- Oates, G.R., **Niranjan, S.J.**, Ott, C., Scarinci, I., Schumann, C., Parekh, T., Dransfield, M.T., 2019. "Adherence to Pulmonary Rehabilitation in COPD: A Qualitative Exploration of Patient Perspectives on Barriers and Facilitators". *Journal of Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation and Prevention*
- **Niranjan, S.J.**, Huang, C.H.S., Dionne-Odom, J.N., Halilova, K.I., Pisu, M., Drentea, P., Kvale, E.A., Bevis, K.S., Butler, T.W., Partridge, E.E. and Rocque, G.B., 2018. Lay patient navigators' perspectives of barriers, facilitators and training needs in initiating advance care planning conversations with older patients with cancer. *Journal of palliative care*, 33(2), pp.70-78.
- **Niranjan, S.J.**, Durant, R.W., Wenzel, J.A., Cook, E.D., Fouad, M.N., Vickers, S.M., Konety, B.R., Rutland, S.B., Simoni, Z.R. and Martin, M.Y., 2019. Training needs of clinical and research professionals to optimize minority recruitment and retention in cancer clinical trials. *Journal of Cancer Education*, 34(1), pp.26-34.
- Rocque, G.B., Dionne-Odom, J.N., Huang, C.H.S., **Niranjan, S.J.**, Williams, C.P., Jackson, B.E., Halilova, K.I., Kenzik, K.M., Bevis, K.S., Wallace, A.S. and Lisovicz, N., 2017. Implementation and impact of patient lay navigator-led advance care planning conversations. *Journal of pain and symptom management*, 53(4), pp.682-692.
- **Soumya J Niranjan** "Standard Operating Procedures: A critical component of quality in clinical research sites" Clinical Researcher, August 2017; DOI: 10.14524/CR-17-0023
- **Soumya J Niranjan** "Building an Internal Quality Assurance Program: From the Ground-up" Clinical Researcher, December 2016; DOI: 10.14524/CR-16-0019
- **Soumya J Niranjan** "The Art and Science of a Symbiotic Relationship with Your Monitor" Clinical Researcher, August 2015; DOI: 10.14524/CR-15-4078
- **Soumya J Niranjan**, Mansoor Saleh. "Lessons learned from audits past" Clinical Researcher, August 2014; DOI:10.14524/CR-14-0018
- Susan Muldoon, **Soumya Niranjan** and Sean Muldoon. "The relationship between ventilator status at discharge from a short-term acute care facility and subsequent discharge disposition and placement" *Chest* (2008).
- Muriel J Harris and **Soumya Niranjan** "Reducing Rates of TB among Minority Populations in Kentucky: A study of Socio-Cultural Factors and the Health Service Delivery System." Report developed for TB control Program, Dept of Public Health. Frankfort. Kentucky. (2008).

## **POSTERS & PRESENTATIONS**

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- **Soumya J Niranjan**, Audrey Wallace, Beverly R Williams, Yasemin Turkman, Courtney P. Williams, Andres Forero, Smita Bhatia, Sara Knight, Gabrielle B. Rocque. "I'd want to know, because a year's not a long time to prepare for a death": Patient and provider perspectives regarding prognostic information in shared decision making among women with metastatic breast cancer. Cancer Research Symposium, July 2019; UAB Cancer Center Research Retreat, October 2019
- **Soumya J Niranjan**, Michelle Y. Martin, Mona N. Fouad, Selwyn M. Vickers, Jennifer A. Wenzel, Elise D. Cook, Badrinath R. Konety, Raegan W. Durant, Bias and Stereotyping Among Research and Clinical Professionals: Perspectives on Minority Recruitment for Oncology Clinical Trials. American Society of Clinical Oncology Quality Care Symposium, September 2019

- Gabrielle B. Rocque, Aysha Rasool, Audrey Wallace, **Soumya J Niranjana**, Beverly Rosa Williams, Yasemin Turkman, Courtney P. Williams, Andres Forero, Sara Knight, Smita Bhatia, “ ‘What is the real goal? The real goal is quality of life or quantity of time. Right?’ A qualitative analysis of decision-making in patients with metastatic breast cancer and their healthcare providers.’ Society for Medical Decision-Making, Montreal, Canada, October 2018; UAB Cancer Center Research Retreat, November 2018
- **Soumya J Niranjana**, Audrey Wallace, Beverly R Williams, Yasemin Turkman, Courtney P. Williams, Andres Forero, Smita Bhatia, Sara Knight, Gabrielle B. Rocque, “Trust but verify: Patterns of obtaining health information and the role of physician trust in decision making amongst patients with metastatic breast cancer” American Society of Clinical Oncology Quality Care Symposium, September 2018; UAB Cancer Center Retreat, November 2018
- Gabrielle B. Rocque, Audrey Wallace, **Soumya J Niranjana**, Beverly Rosa Williams, Yasemin Turkman, Stacey Ingram, Courtney P. Williams, Aysha Rasool, Andres Forero, Smita Bhatia, Sara Knight, “Should we be talking about guidelines with patients? A qualitative analysis in metastatic breast cancer” American Society of Clinical Oncology Quality Care Symposium, September 2018
- **Soumya J Niranjana**, Mieke Beth Thomeer, Irena Stepanikova, Joseph D Wolfe, Smita Bhatia, Michelle Y Martin, Raegan W Durant, “Role of Implicit Bias in Recruitment of Minority Participants in Cancer Clinical Trials”. UAB Health Disparities Research Symposium, March 2018
- Gabriela R. Oates, Corilyn Ott, **Soumya J Niranjana**, Christopher Schumann, MS; Mark T. Dransfield, “Social Determinants of Adherence to Pulmonary Rehabilitation in Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease”. American Thoracic Society, San Diego, May 2018. Abstract selected for oral presentation
- Gabrielle B Rocque, J. Nicholas Dionne-Odom, Chao-Hui Sylvia Huang, **Soumya J Niranjana**, Courtney P Williams, Bradford E Jackson, Karina I Halilova, Kelly M Kenzik, Kerri B Bevis, Audrey Wallace, Nedra Lisovicz, Richard A Taylor, Maria Pisu, Edward E Partridge, Linda Briggs, Elizabeth A Kvale, "Implementation and Impact of Lay Navigator-led Advance Care Planning for Cancer Patients" American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Management's Annual Meeting Phoenix, AZ February 2017
- Elizabeth Kvale, Sylvia Huang, **Soumya Niranjana**, James N. Dionne-Odem, Richard Taylor, Edward Partridge, & Gabrielle B. Rocque “Our life is a story, and we all want a good ending to the story.” Navigators on Advance Care Planning Conversations in Older Patients with Cancer” American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Management's Annual Meeting Phoenix, AZ February 2017; DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpainsymman.2016.12.133>
- Sylvia Huang, James N. Dionne-Odem, **Soumya Niranjana**, Elizabeth Kvale, Richard Taylor, Edward Partridge, & Gabrielle B. Rocque “Stay Practiced up and Know What You're Gonna Say”: A Qualitative Study on Patient Navigators' Perceived Helpfulness and Needs for Advance Care Planning Training. American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Management's Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ February 2017; DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpainsymman.2016.12.305>
- Elizabeth Ann Kvale, Chao-Hui Huang, **Soumya J Niranjana**, J Nicholas Dionne-Odom, Kelly Kenzik, Kerri S. Bevis, Gabrielle Betty Rocque. Barriers and facilitators of navigator-led advance care planning conversations in older patients with cancer. Palliative Care in Oncology Symposium, San Francisco CA, September 2016 Abstract selected for oral

*presentation*; Journal of Clinical Oncology 34(26\_suppl):17-17.doi: 10.1200/jco.2016.34.26\_suppl.17

- **Soumya J Niranjana**, Patricia Drentea, Gabrielle Rocque. "Professional Boundaries in the Lay Navigator Program: Teaching Cancer Patients about Advance Directives. American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting, Seattle WA, August 2016; [http://www.asanet.org/sites/default/files/am2016\\_annual\\_meeting\\_program.pdf](http://www.asanet.org/sites/default/files/am2016_annual_meeting_program.pdf)
- **Soumya J Niranjana**, Sarah Briana Rutland, Reagan Durant, Michelle Martin-- Racial Disparities in Cancer Clinical Trial Enrollment: Cancer Center Stakeholders Recommend Resources and Training to Increase Minority Recruitment - Southern Sociological Society's Annual Meeting, Atlanta GA, April 2016; <http://www.southernsociologicalsociety.org/assets/2016Meeting/SSS2016PrelimProgram.pdf>
- **Soumya Niranjana**, Debi Miley, Mike Bertram, Elizabeth Busby, Rachel Bush, Kamillah Frison, Alfreda Lewis, Carla Perna. "Utilizing OnCore to assess monitoring visits as an indication of data management workload: A work in progress" Clinical Research Operations Forum, September 2014
- **Soumya J Niranjana**, Liz Busby, Alfreda Lewis, Karen O Allen, Mansoor Saleh. "Trends in audit findings: A retrospective review". UAB Cancer Center Retreat (2013)
- Gurudatta Naik, **Soumya Niranjana**, Pamela Alverson, Carla Perna, Alma DelGrosso, Mansoor Saleh. "Aiming For A 90 day Time to Trial Activation (TTA) – Process Evaluation and Improvement" AACI Clinical Research Initiative Meeting (2012)
- **Soumya Niranjana**, Alma DelGrosso. "Disastrous Follow-up letters: lessons learned". SOCRA Annual Meeting, Las Vegas (2012)
- **Soumya Niranjana**, Michael Halstead and Oliver Sartor. "Trials and tribulations in recruitment to a cancer clinical trial: a quantitative assessment." Southern Society of Clinical Investigations, New Orleans (2011).
- **Soumya J Niranjana**, Oliver Sartor, Roy S Weiner, Aniko Vigh. "Being the first site for a radiopharmaceutical study to be opened in USA: Challenges and advantages." SOCRA Annual Meeting, Dallas (2010).
- **Soumya Niranjana** and Susan B. Muldoon. "Role of Nurses in End-of-Life Decision-Making" Poster presentation at Research! Louisville (2009).

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- HCM 350: Medical Terminology for Healthcare Professionals University of Alabama at Birmingham (Fall 2018 - present)
- HCM 375: Managerial Epidemiology University of Alabama at Birmingham (Summer 2018-present)
- SOC 280, Introduction to Medical Sociology (Undergraduate, online), University of Alabama at Birmingham (Spring, 2017)
- Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Chemistry, Eastern Michigan University (Fall, 2006)
- Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Zoology, Eastern Michigan University (Fall, 2006)
- Instructor, On-boarding of new recruits, Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Alabama at Birmingham (April 2015-August 2018)
- Instructor, Fundamentals of clinical research: refresher course (Employee), Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Alabama at Birmingham (April 2015-August 2018)

- Instructor and Mentor, Tulane Cancer Center Summer Research Internship, School of Medicine, Tulane University

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

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- Pharmacy Council of India
- American Sociological Association (ASA)
- American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO)
- Society of Clinical Research Associate (SOCRA)
- Association of Clinical Research Professionals (ACRP)
- Member, American Thoracic Society (ATS)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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- Ad hoc reviewer: *Journal of Mixed Methods Research*
- Ad hoc reviewer: *Health Systems*
- Ad hoc reviewer: *International Journal of Palliative Nursing*
- Ad hoc reviewer: *Medical Care*
- Ad hoc reviewer: *Annals of The American Thoracic Society*
- Ad hoc reviewer: *Translational Behavioral Medicine*
- Ad hoc reviewer: *Health Education Journal*
- UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center Protocol Review Committee

## **FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS and HONORS**

- Poster presentation : 1<sup>st</sup> place winner, Cancer Research Symposium, July 2019
- William C. Bailey Award for Excellence in Cancer Prevention and Control Research: UAB Cancer Center Research Retreat, November 2018
- MHRC Health Disparities Research Education Certificate Program (HDRECP)-Scholar
- Charles Barkley Health Disparities Investigator Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner: “Role of Implicit Bias in Recruitment of Minority Participants in Cancer Clinical Trials” UAB Health Disparities Research Symposium, March 2018
- Outstanding graduate student: Medical sociology (2018)
- CREST program representative for Student Government Association, School of Public Health and Information Sciences, University of Louisville. (2007-08)
- Member of student affairs advisory council, School of Public Health and Information Sciences, University of Louisville. (2007-08)
- Annual Performance Award, Quintiles Spectral India. (2005)
- Elected Cultural secretary- The Pharmaceutical Society, Government College of Pharmacy, Bangalore, India (2002-03)

**ONGOING SUPPORT**

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UAB Faculty Development Grant Program  
*Social Determinants of Lung Cancer Screening Among Veterans*  
Role: Principal Investigator

UAB Health Disparities Research Education Program Pilot Project  
*Lung Cancer Screening in the Deep South*  
Role: Principal Investigator

**GRANT SUPPORT-Pending**

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NIEHS/NIH/DHHS (Antony)  
*Impact of Airborne Heavy Metals on Lung Disease & the Environment*  
Role: Co-Investigator