## A Navigator Holiday

Twas the week before Christmas, when all through the place The ONC team was stirring at a marathon pace; The chemo was hung from the IV poles with care, In hopes that good news would soon arrive there. The patients were nestled all snug in their beds; While visions of remission danced around in their heads: And I in my gown with the posterior gap, Had just settled in for my afternoon nap, When out of the blue, there was a knock at my door; Then someone entered my room and walked 'cross the floor. And what to my wondering eyes did appear, But a lovely Nurse Navigator with a smile so sincere. She had a friendly demeanor, which was easy to see, And I knew in that moment she was there just for me. She detailed her purpose, in a warm, open style; Then she sat down beside me and stayed for a while. She patiently listened, as she reached for my hand; She said "I'm here for now" and it made me feel rather grand. She carried no tubes, no needles, or supplies; She offered tools from within, what a generous prize. Her eyes-how they twinkled, her voice gentle to hear, Her words were a comfort, they lessened my fear. I felt the depth of her compassion and I knew that she cared; I was so happy to receive all of the gifts that she shared: Gifts like knowledge and guidance; gifts that brought peace of mind; I knew her role on my journey was one of a kind. She said "I'll help remove barriers, some big and some small", "I'll be your ongoing support, here's my number to call", And I heard her exclaim, as she walked out of view, "Happy Holidays to all; may your new year's wishes come true!

Happy Holidays!