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Sung Poblete, PhD, RN has made it her life's work to fight cancer from all angles: galvanizing awareness, improving patient outcomes, and enabling cutting-edge research. Today, she is chief executive officer of Stand Up To Cancer (SU2C).

A common thread throughout Poblete's career has been her dedication to cutting-edge innovation on the research front, paired with a steadfast focus on improving nonprofit and corporate healthcare.

Previously, Poblete was director of clinical and translational programs at the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), the scientific partner of SU2C, where she spearheaded the organization's scientific review, oversaw grants administration and management, and served as the primary liaison for scientific communications and general administration. Pivotal to the organization's collaborations, she was liaison to the Clinical and Translational Committee, the Pediatric Cancer Working Group, the Task Force on Survivorship Research, the Oncology Nursing Society, and the American Society of Clinical Oncology, all while leading AACR's continuing medical education program.

Poblete has also held senior-level positions focused on patient outcomes and disease management. Notably, as vice president of clinical operations for a subsidiary of Fresenius Medical Care North America, she developed and ran national chronic kidney disease management programs. As executive director of the Oxford Health Plans Foundation, she facilitated grants that furthered research and programs aimed at improving health care delivery. Poblete has received grants from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, and private foundations. She also served as a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—UC Health Systems Public Scholar from 1999 to 2000. She currently serves on the Executive Board of the Osteosarcoma Institute and on the Stand Up To Cancer – Canada Board of Directors. She earned her bachelor of science degree, master of science degree, and PhD in nursing from Rutgers, where she also began her teaching career 20 years ago. She continues to serve Rutgers as a visiting professor at the School of Nursing. In 2016, Poblete was inducted into Rutgers Hall of Distinguished Alumni.