Sung Poblete, PhD, RN
Chief Executive Officer, Stand Up To Cancer

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).

SU2C funds and develops the newest and most promising cancer treatments to help patients today, dramatically accelerating the rate of new discoveries by connecting top scientists in unprecedented collaborations to create breakthroughs in cancer prevention and early detection, interception and treatment. Since 2008, the organization has received pledges of more than $603 million.

Prior to joining SU2C in 2011, Poblete was the Director of Clinical and Translational Programs at the American Association for Cancer Research. She also previously served as Vice President of Operations for a subsidiary of Fresenius Medical Care, and as Executive Director of the Oxford Health Plans Foundation. In these roles, Poblete focused on patient outcomes and disease management, while bringing innovation and groundbreaking initiatives to evolving non-profit and corporate healthcare environments.

Poblete currently serves on the Executive Board of the Osteosarcoma Institute, the Stand Up To Cancer – Canada Board of Directors, the Medically Home Group Board of Directors and the Preparedness and Treatment Equity Coalition Board of Directors. Additionally, Poblete serves as co-chair of #NoGoingBack, a movement dedicated to preserving the progress made in clinical research and to keep clinical trials moving forward.

She earned her bachelor of science degree, master of science degree, and PhD in nursing from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, where she also began her teaching career over 25 years ago. She continues to serve Rutgers as a visiting associate professor at the School of Nursing. In 2016, Poblete was inducted into the Rutgers Hall of Distinguished Alumni, joining a select group of 200 honorees across Rutgers’ 253-year history who have devoted time and energy to the greater good of society.