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, diagnosis, and treatment. Since 2008, the organization has received pledges of more than $750 million for support of cancer research.

Prior to joining SU2C in 2011, Poblete held senior level positions with a focus on patient outcomes, disease management and health services research. Notably, as Vice President of Clinical Operations for a subsidiary of Fresenius Medical Care, she developed and operationalized national chronic kidney disease management programs utilized by national health plans. As Executive Director of the Oxford Health Plans Foundation, she led strategic grantmaking initiatives devoted to cutting edge research and program innovation for projects that improved the health care delivery system. In all of her professional activities, Poblete has brought innovation and groundbreaking initiatives to new and evolving non-profit and corporate health care environments.

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 is on the Board of Directors of Stand Up To Cancer – Canada, the Preparedness and Treatment Equity Coalition, Apricity Health, and Proteus Ocean Group. She is also on the Medical Advisory Board of Medically Home Group and Nok Nok’s Advisory Board. Additionally, Poblete is one of New York Consolidated’s Founding Partners, an organization dedicated to increasing equity through art and publishing.

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 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.