Attachment 2

Primary Care Physician Instrument

SURVEY OF PHYSICIAN ATTITUDES REGARDING THE CARE OF CANCER SURVIVORS (SPARCCS)

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INTRODUCTION

There are approximately 12 million cancer survivors in the USA today, an ever increasing number that bears testament to the remarkable strides in early detection strategies and cancer care. However, this fast growing population may have unique and poorly understood health care needs. This survey seeks your perspectives regarding the care you provide to cancer survivors who have <u>completed active</u> <u>treatment</u> for their disease. Your invaluable input will help to identify physicians' needs regarding the provision of care for, and identify ways we can provide optimal care to this important population.

This survey is being sent to a random sample of Family Medicine Physicians, General Internists, Obstetrician/Gynecologists, and Medical Oncologists, and should take only 20 minutes to complete.

The information you provide will remain confidential to the fullest extent of the law. Your answers will be aggregated with those of other respondents in reports to NCI and any other parties. Participation is voluntary, and there are no penalties to you for not responding. However, not responding could seriously affect the accuracy of final results, and your point of view may not be adequately represented in the survey findings.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer the questions regarding your primary practice location (i.e., the practice setting where you spend the most hours per week, at which the majority of your patients are seen.)
- Please use an X to mark your answers like this \square .
- Use the box provided in "Other (Please specify):______ if your answer is not adequately represented by available choices.

Important terminology for this survey:

For the purpose of this study, "cancer survivors" are defined as individuals in your practice who were diagnosed with, and who have <u>completed active treatment(s)</u> for, cancer.

The term "Late Effects" refers to those adverse outcomes of cancer or its treatment that do not occur during treatment but become manifest months to years after active cancer treatment is over.

The term "Long-Term Effects" refers to adverse outcomes of cancer or its treatment that begin during active cancer treatment and persist (remain chronic) even after cancer treatment is over.

I. PHYSICIAN PERSPECTIVES ON TREATMENT OF CANCER SURVIVORS

Please answer the following questions regardless of the actual number of cancer survivor patients in your practice.

1. How confident do you feel about your knowledge of the following aspects of cancer-related follow-up care for...

•	ARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW) REAST CANCER SURVIVORS?	Not at all confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	Don't know
a.	Appropriate surveillance testing to detect recurrent cancer	1	2	3	8
b.	Long-term and late physical adverse effects of cancer and cancer treatment	1	2	3	8
C.	The potential adverse psychosocial outcomes of cancer or its treatment	1	2	3	8
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- 2. There are different beliefs about the appropriate cancer surveillance testing for survivors of breast cancer. How often do you believe the following cancer surveillance tests should be performed for a breast cancer survivor with the following characteristics:
 - 55 year-old woman,
 - status post adjuvant chemotherapy for early stage breast cancer 4 years ago,
 - Currently asymptomatic,
 - No evident disease,
 - No significant co-morbidities
 - Not on endocrine therapy for her cancer.

Office & Lab tests		Every 3-4 months	Every 6 months	Yearly	Only If indicated	Never	Don't Know	Other (Plea specify)
a.	Physical examination	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
b.	Complete blood count (CBC)	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
C.	Liver function tests (LFTs)	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
	Serum tumor markers (e.g., CA- 125, CA 15-3, CEA)	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
(MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW)								

Screening and Imaging tests	Yearly	Every 2-3 years	Every 4-5 years	Only If indicated	Never	Don't Know	Other (Please specify)
e. Mammogram	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
f. Breast MRI	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
g. Chest X-ray	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
h. Bone scan	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
i. CT scan	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
j. PET scan	1	2	3	4	5	8	9

3. There are different beliefs about the appropriate cancer surveillance testing for

survivors of colon cancer. How often do you believe the following cancer surveillance tests should be performed for a colon cancer survivor with the following characteristics:

- 55 year-old woman,
- status post adjuvant chemotherapy for stage 3 colon cancer 4 years ago,
- Currently asymptomatic,
- No evident disease,
- No significant co-morbidities

(MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW)

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e. Fecal Occult Blood Testing (FOBT)	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
f. Colonoscopy	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
g. Chest X-ray	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
h. Bone scan	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
i. CT scan	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
j. PET scan	1	2	3	4	5	8	9

4. I believe there are conflicting recommendations regarding the appropriate management of cancer survivors who have completed active treatment for early stage...

(MARK ONE BOX IN	Strongly				
	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Somewhat agree	agree	Don't know
Breast cancer	1	2	3	4	8
Colon cancer	1	2	3	4	8

5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding patients who have already completed active treatment for early stage breast or colon cancer?

				Neither		
	(MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW)	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	disagree nor agree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
a.	Primary Care Physicians (PCPs) have the skills necessary to provide_follow-up care <u>related to</u> <u>the effects of cancer or its treatment</u> for survivors of					
	Breast Cancer	1	2	3	4	5
	Colon Cancer	1	2	3	4	5
b.	PCPs have the skills necessary to initiate appropriate screening or diagnostic work-up to detect recurrent cancer, for <u>survivors</u> of					
	Breast Cancer	1	2	3	4	5
	Colon Cancer	1	2	3	4	5
C.	PCPs should have primary responsibility for providing cancer-related follow-up care for <u>survivors</u> of					
	Breast Cancer	1	2	3	4	5
	Colon Cancer	1	2	3	4	5
d.	PCPs are better able than oncologists to provide psychosocial support for survivors of					
	Breast Cancer	1	2	3	4	5
	Colon Cancer	1	2	3	4	5

II. FOLLOW UP CANCER CARE FOR CANCER SURVIVORS IN YOUR PRACTICE

6. Since completing training, have you <u>ever</u> cared for patients diagnosed with breast or colon cancer? In addition to your patients who were recently diagnosed with breast or colon cancer, please include survivors of breast or colon cancers who may have been diagnosed and treated by other physicians, but who are also seen by you.

1 YES

2 NO

(If you answered <u>NO</u> to question 6, please skip to section III: Physician and Practice Characteristics, Page 16)

7. Please estimate how many patients ever diagnosed with breast or colon cancer you cared for in the <u>last 12 months</u>? Include recently diagnosed as well as longer term survivors.

Breast Cancer

Colon Cancer

NUMBER

NUMBER

8. Thinking about how you deliver cancer-related follow up care for breast or colon cancer survivors, how often do you:

(N	IARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW)	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always/ Almost Always	N/A
a.	Receive a comprehensive summary including detailed cancer treatment information <u>from</u> the patient's oncology specialist	1	2	3	4	5	8
b.	Provide a summary of the patient's past non- cancer medical history <u>to</u> the patient's oncology specialist	1	2	3	4	5	8
c.	Receive information <u>from</u> the oncology specialist in a timely manner	1	2	3	4	5	8
d.	Experience difficulties transferring patient care responsibilities between you and the oncology specialist	1	2	3	4	5	8
e.	Receive from the patient's oncologist an explicit follow-up care plan documenting recommendations for future care and surveillance	1	2	3	4	5	8
f.	Have a specific discussion with the patient regarding recommendations for future care and surveillance	1	2	3	4	5	8

After completion of active treatment for cancer, patients may require various types of care from different physicians, including primary care <u>and</u> oncology specialists.

9. For patients who are within 5 years of completing active treatment for early stage breast or colon cancer, how is each component of care listed below <u>usually</u> delivered in your practice?

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Select the best response for each item below

(MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW)

		l order or provide this service myself	The oncology specialist orders or provides this service	specialist and f share responsibility for ordering or providing this service	Another specialist orders or provides this service	l am not involved in this care
FO	R BREAST CANCER					
a.	Screening for recurrent breast cancer	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Screening for other new primary cancers	1	2	3	4	5
C.	Evaluating patients for recurrence of breast cancer	1	2	3	4	5
d.	Evaluating patients for adverse late or long-term physical effects of cancer or its treatment	1	2	3	4	5
e.	Evaluating patients for adverse psychological effects of cancer or its treatment	1	2	3	4	5
FO	R COLON CANCER					
a.	Screening for recurrent colon cancer	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Screening for other new primary cancers	1	2	3	4	5
c.	Evaluating patients for recurrence of colon cancer	1	2	3	4	5
d.	Evaluating patients for adverse late or long-term physical effects of cancer or its treatment	1	2	3	4	5
e.	Evaluating patients for adverse psychological effects of cancer or its treatment	1	2	3	4	5

10. For patients who are <u>within 5 years</u> of completing active treatment for early stage breast <u>or</u> colon cancer, how is each component of care listed below <u>usually</u> delivered in your practice?

Select the one best response for each item below

(M)	ARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW)	l order or provide this service myself	The oncology specialist orders or provides this service	The oncology specialist and I share responsibility for ordering or providing this service	Another specialist orders or provides this service	l am not involved in this care
a.	Counseling on diet and physical activity	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Counseling on smoking cessation	1	2	3	4	5
C.	Treating pain related to cancer treatment	1	2	3	4	5
d.	Treating depression and/or anxiety	1	2	3	4	5
e.	Treating fatigue	1	2	3	4	5
f.	Treating sexual dysfunction	1	2	3	4	5
g.	Managing adverse late or long- term outcomes of breast cancer treatment	1	2	3	4	5
h.	Managing adverse late or long- term outcomes of colon cancer treatment	1	2	3	4	5

11. Thinking about patients who have recently completed active treatment for early stage breast <u>or</u> colon cancer,

(N	IARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW)	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Ofte n	Always/ Almost Always
a.	Discuss <u>with your patient</u> which physician will follow them for their cancer?	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Discuss <u>with your patient</u> which physician will handle any other medical issues?	1	2	3	4	5
c.	Communicate <u>with your patients' other physician(s)</u> about which physician will follow them for their cancer?	1	2	3	4	5
d.	Communicate <u>with your patients' other physician(s)</u> about which physician(s) will handle other medical issues ?	1	2	3	4	5

There is a concern regarding the adverse outcomes of cancer treatment that carry the potential to cause morbidity or premature mortality. These adverse outcomes are classified as;

- (a) **Long-Term** (begin during cancer treatment and continue to persist after treatment is over), and,
- (b) <u>Late</u> (occur after completion of cancer treatment, sometimes even months to years afterward).
- 12. Cancer treatment often has side effects that may result in morbidity or premature mortality. These adverse effects of cancer treatment can be classified as late or long-term. Which of the following adverse effects have you observed (or seen reported) most often with use of the following cancer drugs?

	Drug		Adverse effect								
		Don't know	Peripheral neuropathy	Pulmonary fibrosis	Cardiac dysfunction	Premature menopause	Secondary malignancies				
a.	Adriamycin	10	10	10	10	10	10				
b.	Cytoxan	10	10	10	10	10	10				
C.	Taxol	10	10	10	10	10	10				
d.	5-fluorouracil (5-FU)	10	10	10	10	10	10				
e.	Oxaliplatin	10	10	10	10	10	10				

(MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

13. For how long do you believe oncologists should continue regular follow-up visits to evaluate the health of survivors <u>who have completed active treatment</u> for early stage breast cancer, assuming they have no evident disease or treatment complications?

[_____years / Indefinitely]

14. For how long do you believe oncologists should continue regular follow-up visits to evaluate the health of survivors <u>who have completed active treatment</u> for early stage colon cancer, assuming they have no evident disease or treatment complications?

_____years / Indefinitely]

15. In your practice, how often do you encounter the following problems when caring for <u>breast or colon cancer survivors</u> who have completed active treatment <u>5 or more years ago</u>?

				How ofte	n is thi	s a problem?	
	(MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW)	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always/ Almost Always	NA
a.	Patients refuse or do not adhere to recommended care	1	2	3	4	5	8
b.	I am not able to order appropriate tests or treatments because of health insurance plan restrictions	1	2	3	4	5	8
C.	Patients have language barriers that interfere with communication	1	2	3	4	5	8
d.	I order tests or treatments to protect myself against malpractice litigation	1	2	3	4	5	8
e.	I am uncertain about which physician (oncology specialist or PCP) is providing patients' general preventive health care	1	2	3	4	5	8
f.	Patients contact the oncology specialist for problems that should be treated by me	1	2	3	4	5	8
g.	Patients contact me for problems that should be treated by the oncology specialist	1	2	3	4	5	8
h.	I am concerned about duplicated care by the primary care physician and oncology specialist	1	2	3	4	5	8
i. I	am concerned about missed care by the primary care physician and oncology specialist	1	2	3	4	5	8
j.	Patients request more aggressive cancer surveillance testing than what I would recommend	1	2	3	4	5	8
k.	Patients are unable to pay (or lack insurance coverage) for follow-up care	1	2	3	4	5	8
I.	I don't have adequate knowledge or training to manage my patient's problems	1	2	3	4	5	8
m.	Other (Please specify)	1	2	3	4	5	8

Several alternative models have been proposed for providing follow-up care for cancer survivors. These models differ in terms of their strengths and limitations.

16. Assuming that adequate resources were available to implement any of the care delivery models below, which model do you <u>most prefer</u> to ensure the best possible outcomes for patients who have completed active treatment for early-stage cancer?

(<u>Please select the top 2 options you would prefer, and rank them from 1 to 2</u>, where 1=the MOST-PREFERRED OPTION and 2=the SECOND MOST-PREFERRED OPTION)

RANK

Primary Care Physicians have primary responsibility for cancer-related follow-up care, and refer to other physicians as needed.

Medical oncologists have primary responsibility for cancer-related follow-up care, and refer to other physicians as needed.

Medical oncologists and primary care physicians share responsibility for cancer-related follow-up care.

Cancer survivors are cared for in specialized clinics led by physicians who focus exclusively on cancer survivor care.

Cancer survivors are cared for in specialized clinics, led by oncology nurses, Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners or Physician Assistants who focus exclusively on cancer survivor care.

III. PHYSICIAN AND PRACTICE CHARACTERISTICS

For the next set of questions, if you practice at more than one site, please think about the site where you see most of your cancer patients.

17. What is your primary specialty (i.e., the one specialty in which you spend most of your time)?

- 1_0 Family Medicine
- 1 0 Obstetrician-gynecology
- 1 Other (Please Specify)

18. Have you received training or instruction regarding the <u>late or long-term effects</u> of cancer treatment that cancer survivors may experience over time?

0	No
1	Yes, somewhat
2	Yes, in detail

- 19. In the past 5 years, from where have you received training or instruction regarding the <u>late or long-term effects of cancer treatment</u> that cancer survivors may experience over time? (MARK ALL THAT APPLY)
 - 1 0 CME activities
 - 1 0 Professional meetings or conferences
 - 1 0 Postgraduate medical training (e.g., residency, fellowship)
 - 1___0 Medical School
 - 1____0 Medical Journals
 - 1___0 Colleagues
 - 1___0 Other (Please Specify)_____
 - 1 0 None of the above

20. Are you currently involved with teaching medical students and/or residents?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

21. Is your primary site of practice:

- $1 \bigcirc 0$ An office practice (non-hospital based)
- 1 0 A hospital
- $1 \bigcirc 0$ A community health center

22. Which of the following categories best describes your main practice location (i.e., the practice location where you spend the most hours per week)? Are you a/an ...

(MARK ONE BOX)

10	Full- or part-owner of a physician practice
10	Employee of a physician-owned practice
10	Employee of a large medical group or health care system
10	Employee of a group or staff model HMO
10	Employee of a university hospital or clinic
	Employee of a hospital or clinic not associated with a university
10	(including community health clinics)
10	Other (Please Specify)

23. During a typical month, approximately what percent of your professional time do you spend in the following activities?

		Percent of Time
a.	Providing patient care	%
b.	Research	%
c.	Teaching	%
d.	Administration	%
e.	Other (Please specify):	%
Total		100 %

24. What type of medical record system does your primary practice use?

(MARK ONE BOX)

- $1 \bigcirc 0$ Paper records and charts
 - Partial electronic medical records (*e.g.*, lab results available electronically, but patient history on paper)
 - In transition from paper to full electronic medical records
- $1 \bigcirc 0$ Full electronic medical records

25. During a typical <u>week</u>, approximately how many patients do you see in your primary practice location?

(MARK ONE BOX)

- 1 0 25 or fewer
- 1__0 26-50
- 1__0 51-75
- 1___0 76-100
- 1___0 101-125
- 1___0 126 or more

26. Approximately what percentage of your patients in your primary practice location are: (YOUR BEST ESTIMATE IS FINE)

(MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW)	0%	1-5%	6-25%	26- 50%	51- 75%	76-100%	Don't Know
a. Uninsured	0	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. Insured by Medicaid	0	1	2	3	4	5	8

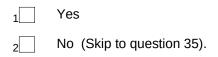
27. Approximately what percentage of your patients in your primary practice are: (YOUR BEST ESTIMATE IS FINE).

		Percent of patients
a.	less than 18 years	%
b.	18-39 years	%
C.	40-64 years	%
d.	65+ years	%
То	tal	100%

28. Including yourself, about how many physicians are in this primary practice location?

(MARK ONLY ONE BOX)				
1	1			
2	2 – 5			
3	6 – 15			
4	16 – 49			
5	50 – 99			
6	100+			
8	Don't Know			

29. In 2007, were you paid by salary?



29b. Did your salary depend on the productivity of you or your group, for example, the revenue you generated or the number of patients you saw over the past quarter or year?



30. In 2007, which best describes your base clinical income? (Under capitation, a fixed amount is paid per patient per month regardless of services provided.)

10	Exclusively fee-for-service
10	Predominantly fee-for-service
10	Equal mixture of fee-for-service and capitation
10	Predominantly capitation
10	Exclusively capitation
10	Don't know

31. In 2007, was your pay affected by:

	Yes	No	know
a. The results of satisfaction surveys completed by your own patients?	1	2	8
b. Specific measures of quality of care for your patients?	1	2	8
c. Utilization measures, such as the number of tests you ordered?	1	2	8

32. Are you of Hispanic origin or ancestry?

1	Yes
2	No

Don't

33. Which do you feel best describes your race or ethnicity?

(MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

10	American Indian/Alaska Native
10	Asian
10	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
10	Black or African-American
10	White

Are there any additional thoughts, issues or needs you wish to share? Please feel free to write in the space below as we welcome your feedback.