

**SURVEY STUDY: GERIATRIC ONCOLOGIC
CLINICAL, RESEARCH, AND TRAINING STATUS
AT NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE-
DESIGNATED CLINICAL AND
COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTERS**

Presenters

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PRESENTATION AGENDA

Overview of Study --- Josie van Londen (2 ½ minutes)

Request: Identification and recruitment of cancer center-specific survey responders and survey advocates--- Ira Parker (3 ½ minutes)

Survey Content and Survey Process Discussion
Josie van Londen and Ira Parker (9 minutes)

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TARGET INSTITUTIONS

(<https://cancercenters.cancer.gov/Center/CCList>)

NCI-Designated Cancer Centers (13)

NCI-Designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers (51)

STUDY LAUNCH DATE --- WEB-BASED (PROPOSED)

January 11, 2021

INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (SURVEY WAIVER)

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STUDY: GERIATRIC ONCOLOGIC RESEARCH THEMES

CLINICAL

Activity Level

Instrument, Measure, and Tool Use

Models of Care

Personnel

EDUCATIONAL / TRAINING

Cancer Center and “Home” Institutional Faculty/Staff Education

Geriatric Oncology Training (Focused)

Cancer Center Oncology Resident - Geriatric Oncology Training

RESEARCH

Activity Level

Collaborations

Funding Sources

STUDY: RATIONALE, VALUE, AND BENEFIT

Assess Existing Geriatric Oncologic Status & Presence

Identify “Gaps”

Catalyst For Action & Change

SURVEY: DESIGN

Comprehensive

Primarily Quantitative With Qualitative Elements

Responders --- Targeting Those With GeriOnc Interests

SURVEY: RESPONDER TIME COMMITMENT

5 - 65 Minutes --- Dependent Upon GeriOnc “Presence” Level

(Larger “Presence” = A Likelihood For Multiple Responders)

REQUEST: IDENTIFICATION AND RECRUITMENT OF CANCER CENTER-SPECIFIC SURVEY RESPONDERS AND SURVEY ADVOCATES

CHALLENGE: ATTAINMENT OF AN OPTIMAL RESPONSE RATE

PROCESS OF IDENTIFICATION AND RECRUITMENT EFFORT

CARG Bi-Weekly Call --- November 3, 2020

CARG Membership Email Request --- November 5, 2020

Follow-Up - CARG Membership Email Request --- November 12, 2020

SURVEY RESPONDERS AND SURVEY ADVOCATES: ROLES

SUPPORTING THE SURVEY RESPONDERS AND SURVEY ADVOCATES

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#1: WHEN A CANCER CENTER-SPECIFIC SURVEY RESPONDER HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AND RECRUITED

Email (plus follow-up email) to the recruited survey responder ---

- 1) re-explaining her/his responsibilities regarding the overall process;
- 2) stating when he/she will receive the survey by email; and 3) providing a template email letter that will be sent by the survey responder to the cancer center's director --- stating that the survey responder has received the survey and will be completing and submitting the survey (independently or with the assistance of cancer center-based colleagues).

Prior to the survey distribution, a heads-up letter (snail mail) will be sent to individual cancer center directors ---1) explaining the goals of the survey; 2) identifying each cancer center's recruited survey responder; and 3) explaining the overall response process.

SUPPORTING THE SURVEY RESPONDERS AND SURVEY ADVOCATES (CONTINUED)

#2: WHEN A CANCER CENTER-SPECIFIC SURVEY RESPONDER HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED BUT A SURVEY ADVOCATE HAS BEEN RECRUITED

Email (plus follow-up email) to the recruited survey advocate ---

1) re-explaining her/his responsibilities and the the overall process;

2) stating when the cancer center director will receive the survey by email; and

3) providing a template email letter that will be sent by the survey advocate to the cancer center's director immediately after the receipt of the survey --- reinforcing the importance of the study and the need for its completion and submission by the cancer center.

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THOSE CANCER CENTERS NOT HAVING AN IDENTIFIED SURVEY RESPONDER AND/OR SURVEY ADVOCATE

?? ARE YOU A FACULTY MEMBER OR ARE YOU AWARE OF A POTENTIAL SURVEY RESPONDER AT ANY OF THESE CANCER CENTERS ??

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- MARKEY CANCER CENTER (KENTUCKY)
- MASSEY CANCER CENTER (VA COMMONWEALTH)
- MAYS CANCER CENTER (UNIV OF TX - SAN ANTONIO)
- NORRIS COTTON CANCER CENTER (DARTMOUTH)
- ROSWELL PARK CANCER INST (BUFFALO)
- RUTGERS CANCER INSTITUTE
- STANFORD CANCER INSTITUTE
- STEPHENSON CANCER CENTER (OK)
- SYLVESTER CANCER CENTER (MIAMI)
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- UNIV OF HAWAII CANCER CENTER
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- WINSHIP CANCER INSTITUTE (EMORY)

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