

## CPCRN Workgroup/Interest Group Fact Sheets

### **Project:** Cancer Survivorship Workgroup

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**About:** The CPCRN Cancer Survivorship Workgroup seeks to advance interdisciplinary research collaborations that support cancer survivorship science and outreach with the goal of promoting health equity among cancer survivors. Workgroup members define a cancer survivors and survivorship as follows: *An individual is considered a cancer survivor from the time of diagnosis, through the balance of her/his life. This term also includes secondary survivors, such as caregivers and family members of those diagnosed with cancer.* Survivorship research encompasses the physical, psychological, social, economic, and spiritual health of survivors across the cancer continuum, with special emphasis on long-term well-being, including disease prevention and health promotion over the life course. The Workgroup is particularly interested in advancing knowledge related to cancer health disparities in cancer survivorship, leveraging the use of evidence-based programs and validated measures, bridging research and clinical care, and advancing dissemination and implementation of high-quality cancer survivorship science.

### **Planned Products and Deliverables:**

- Four subgroups established:
  1. Adolescent & Young Adult (AYA)
    - Pilot qualitative study exploring issues of financial toxicity for AYA patients going through transitions across care settings (e.g., pediatric to adult care)
    - Survey describing provider level barriers to AYA clinical trial recruitment
  2. Aging & Cancer
    - Survey clinical partners of the CPCRN to assess use of geriatric assessment in care with resulting publication
    - Explore funding for implementation pilot work using geriatric assessments
  3. Psychosocial Wellbeing
  4. Cancer Caregiving
    - Analysis of qualitative data for manuscript development
- Other ongoing efforts:
  1. Cancer & COVID-19
    - COVID-19 manuscript (completed)
      - Kickoff meeting held on March 22, 2022
      - Initial team, roles, and timeline identified

- Next meeting to be scheduled for May 2022 with tasks assigned
  - CML and COVID experience – initial stages of qualitative data analysis
- 2. ACS survivorship nutrition and physical activity guideline co-authorship (completed); clinician dissemination plan (ongoing)
- 3. Systematic review on cancer survivorship & resilience
  - Defined search strategy from project team meetings (Summer 2022)
  - Systematic literature review and manuscript draft by group members (Fall 2022)
  - Final Manuscript to submit for publication (Spring 2023)
- 4. Chronic Disease Care Model project
  - Completed initial survey of four cancer centers (n=7) and issued report (Sept 2021)
  - Draft interview guide for second phase (ongoing)
  - Graduate student from CU Cancer Center will assist the Workgroup by finalizing and pilot testing the interview guide (Summer 2022)
  - Will review results with Workgroup at large to gauge interest in expanding (Aug/Sept 2022)
- 5. Multi-level assessment of aspects that influence equity/engagement in survivorship care & resources
  - Mixed-methods study protocol – submit as a manuscript
  - Identify and submit funding application
  - Conference abstract of preliminary findings