

# Interview Guide to Elicit Cancer Program Physicians' Perspectives on Survivorship Care

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## Overview

### ***Tool in Brief***

**Purpose:** To elicit cancer program physicians' perspectives and needs related to survivorship.

**Suggested User:** Cancer program administrator

**Type of tool:** Interview guide

### ***Key Information***

**Estimated Completion Time:** interviews of 15 minutes – 1 hour each (depending on cancer program administrator's goals and preferences), 1 hour for analysis

**Required Inputs:** List of physicians to interview

**Outputs:** Interview notes and themes, which can help streamline survivorship services

### ***Instructions***

Use this interview guide to learn about cancer program physicians' perspectives and needs related to survivorship. Conversations with physicians can be more or less formal and might take as little as 15 minutes or as long as an hour, depending on your goals and preferences. Introduce each conversation with an explanation of your goals and how information shared will be used. During conversations, pick and choose questions from the list based on conversation flow; question order is not critical, nor is covering every question on the list. You can lead conversations with groups of physicians instead of having one-on-one conversations. Take notes during conversations or immediately thereafter to ensure information accuracy. The information collected during interviews with these physicians can help direct development of a survivorship program that promotes high physician engagement and reduces barriers to survivorship referrals.

## Interview Guide

### ***Introductory Questions on Current Practice***

- In your practice, how do you typically manage patients after the conclusion of active treatment?
- What are the most difficult parts of managing survivors?
- What are the easiest parts of managing survivors?
- What issues do survivors raise with you most often?
  - How do you respond?
- Which survivor needs are hardest to address?
  - Why?
- Which survivor needs are easiest to address?
  - Why?

## ***Survivorship Program Offerings***

- Which of the following survivorship services would you like our cancer program to offer?
  - Treatment summary
  - Survivor care plan
  - Peer support groups
  - Group educational sessions
  - Complementary or alternative therapies (e.g. acupuncture, massage)
  - Nutritional counseling
  - Psychosocial counseling
  - Physical or occupational therapy
  - Exercise program
  - Genetic counseling
  - Survivorship clinic
  - Lymphedema clinic
  - Other:
- Which survivorship care services would you like to provide, and which would you like to delegate elsewhere?
- Which survivors would you like to manage, and which would you like to transition elsewhere?
- How can we most effectively support you in your management of survivors?

## ***Partnering with Primary Care***

- How does your role in follow-up care differ from the role of primary care providers?
  - What aspects of follow-up care do you predominantly manage?
  - What aspects of follow-up care do you co-manage with primary care providers?
  - What aspects of follow-up care are predominantly managed by primary care providers?
- How would you like to work with primary care providers in the future?

## ***Wrap-Up***

- What is your vision of ideal survivorship care?