EXPLORING AND CELEBRATING PROMISING PRACTICES IN CANCER SURVIVORSHIP IN BC

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Who we are:

• UBC BSN Candidates (2014)
Exploring and Celebrating Promising Practices in Cancer Survivorship in BC and the Yukon

- Is a project led by the BC Cancer Agency (BCCA) Provincial Survivorship Program.

- The purpose of this study was to explore, identify, highlight, and share promising practices related to the transition to post-treatment survivorship care from BCCA Centres and Communities Oncology Network (CON) sites in BC and the Yukon.

- The project also aimed to identify any unmet needs so that the BCCA Provincial Survivorship Program may better support health care professionals and survivors.
Methods

• A survey was developed by the authors under the guidance of Lisa McCune and was distributed to multidisciplinary health care providers at CON sites throughout BC and the Yukon.

• Highlight articles were created to share a summary of the survey as well as a promising practices through the Provincial Survivorship Program newsletter.

• Highlights of the survey findings have been shared with the BCCA Survivorship Steering Committee and will be shared with Vancouver Island Supportive Care Research Program.
174 health professionals received our survey invitation. We closed the survey, with a response rate of 19%.

Responses were received from Health professionals representing 24 CON sites and 6 Health Authorities.
Survey Results

Strengths:

• CON sites that had a designated team member dedicated to Survivorship Transition to the post-treatment phase found it very beneficial.

• Individual CON sites are developing programs and policies to meet the unique needs of their clients in the post treatment phase with the resources available to them.

• Open door policy at CON sites was frequently reported as one of the best community resources for post-treatment Survivors.
Survey Results

Unmet Needs:

• Lack of guidelines

• Limited access to social work, counseling, and/or psychosocial support

• Staff or time constraints

• The need for support and connection with the BCCA Provincial Survivorship Program.
We would like to thank the health professionals who generously shared their time and participated in this project.

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