Getting to Know Cancer Survivors: Findings from the Prostate Cancer Registry
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**PURPOSE**

- An estimated 29,530 cases of prostate cancer are expected to be newly diagnosed among African-American men in 2016, accounting for 31% of all cancers diagnosed.
- It is estimated that 1 in 5 African-American men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in his lifetime.
- The overall 5-year relative survival rate for prostate cancer among African Americans is 96%, compared to nearly 100% among whites.
- Prostate cancer patients are living longer and are confronted with increasingly complex therapeutic decisions.

**DESIGN METHODS**

- The Center for Cancer Research and Therapeutic Development (CCRTD) at Clark Atlanta University (CAU) established the Prostate Cancer Registry an online registry [www.pcregistry.cau.edu](http://www.pcregistry.cau.edu).
- The online self-reported registry is designed to provide prostate cancer survivors a unified voice to advance the understanding and challenges that universally affect survivors.
- Registrants were recruited through an outreach program that included the CCRTD, community-based affiliates, online communities, other advocacy organizations, & social and other media channels.
- In, 2016 over 300 prostate cancer survivors completed the survey about their epidemiological profile, clinical disease information and data regarding their experiences throughout their prostate cancer continuum.
- This data provides a glimpse of the demographic and medical background of the population informing this inaugural index.

**RESULTS**

### Demographics

- Median Age: 65 (SD = 9.979)
- Married: 80%
- Ethnicity: 64% White or Caucasian, 31% Black or African American
- Education: 40% College 4 years or more, 33% Graduate School
- Insured: 96%
- Annual: 4% Under $25,000, 18% $25K – 49K, 21% $50K-74K, 16% $75K - $99K, 39% $100K & over

**Clinical Characteristics**

- What was your Gleason score of your prostate tissue/tumor?
- What stage of PCa were you diagnosed with?
- Have you had a recurrence of your prostate cancer?

**CONCLUSION**

- The data highlights the fact that most of the survivors are married, educated, are highly educated, and have above the national median income.
- Most survivors indicated that their cancer was discovered as a result of screening and were found at earlier cancer stages. Screening was mostly recommended by their doctor and the majority of survivors have not had an recurrence of prostate cancer.
- This registry is designed as a living database of survivors. The findings have important implications for the prostate cancer community at large for the development of innovative research and programs that will effectively address the needs of prostate cancer survivors and their families.

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