

Study Information Sheet

Contains all the elements of informed consent

Understanding the Sexual Health Concerns of Young Adult Cancer Survivors

What is the purpose of this study?

We know many young adults have concerns about relationships and sexual health after cancer treatment. The purpose of this study is to learn directly from young adults how to best to ask about concerns in these areas.

What is involved in this study?

Participation in this study would involve meeting one-on-one over Zoom with a member of our study team to talk about relationship and sexual health concerns. You would also be asked to review some questions commonly used to ask people about these issues and provide feedback on how they could be improved for young adult cancer survivors.

The interview will be audio-taped and transcribed, but you will not be identifiable.

This interview would take about 75-90 minutes.

You would receive a \$50 gift certificate to thank you for your participation.

About 40 people will take part in this study.

Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. If you decide not to participate, it will not affect your relationship with the hospital or your doctors in any way. You can stop participating or choose not to answer any questions at any time.

You may be eligible if you:

- Are a cancer survivor age 18-39.
- Have had no cancer therapy in the past 6 months or planned in the future.
- Have concerns about relationships and sexual health.

Are there any risks to being in the study?

It is possible that some people may find it distressing to discuss relationships and sexual health, but most people who have completed interviews like this in previous studies tell us that they did not find it distressing. If you were to experience distress associated with this study, the study team will be able to assist you and provide you with resources if needed.

Confidentiality can be a risk with any research study, but we take precautions to protect your privacy, as described below.

Are there any benefits to being in the study?

There are no direct benefits to you for participating in the study, but the information we learn will help young adult survivors in the future.

What about confidentiality?

The study investigators will take measures to protect the privacy and security of your personal information. You will not be identifiable in the audio-recording or transcript of your interview. Your responses to the interview questions will not be shared with anyone or used for future research studies. All study data will be stored only by a study ID number. The results of this research study may be published and you will not be identified in publications.

How do I join or what if I have questions?

If you would like to participate or have any questions, you can email survivorship_research@dfci.harvard.edu, or call 617-582-8260 and a study coordinator will get in touch with you. You will be asked a few questions to determine whether you are eligible for this study. You can contact the Principal Investigator, Sharon Bober, PhD at 617-582-8260.