

Prostate Network



Dear Prostate Cancer Survivor,

This letter is to inform you about a new research study supported by our organization. The purpose of this project to discover the issues that are important to patients after they have completed treatment for cancer. This study is led by a researcher from the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita, Judy Johnston, MS, RD, LD.

In order to achieve the study objective, Ms. Johnston will be conducting interviews (in-person or by phone) with cancer survivors who have completed treatment for their cancers. The information that you provide during the interview is intended to improve the way health care is practiced by meeting the needs of cancer patients after completion of treatment. . If you are interested in participating in the study, please contact MS. Johnston at jjohnsto@kumc.edu or by phone at 316-293-1861. She will discuss the study with you and provide you with a consent form that requires your signature. Once Judy receives your signed consent form she will contact you to answer any additional questions you may have about the study and to schedule your interview at a time that is most convenient for you. Ms. Johnston will also sign the informed consent document and mail a copy back to you for your records, if you want a copy.

The information the researchers collect about you will be kept confidential. Your health information is protected by government laws on privacy, and we are required to get your permission to use information about you for the study. The only personal information we will collect about you is your age, gender, and race/ethnicity, information about the location of your cancer, what health insurance you had at the time of your diagnosis and treatment, and the information you provide in the interview. The interview will be audio recorded. Transcription (producing a type-written document of what was said) of the interview may be completed by an outside party not affiliated with the University of Kansas, but who has completed training on legal handling of this research information. As required by the University of Kansas Medical Center, we'll keep this information at KU School of Medicine-Wichita for a period of 15 years following the completion of the study and writing our report. Only people doing the study, or people who oversee research, will be able to look at your information. In addition, the audio recording of the interview will be available to study researchers and the transcriptionist. When we publish the results of our study, we won't share anything that identifies you, so your information will stay protected. You can stop participating at any time. If you decide to withdraw from the study, we will use the information collected so far, but we will not collect any further information about you.

Prostate Network



For questions regarding your rights as a research participant, or if you have complaints, concerns, or questions about the research, you may contact the University of Kansas Medical Center Institutional Review Board at humansubjects@kumc.edu or 913-588-1240. Thank you for all your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Hentzen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Steve Hentzen
Chairman, Prostate Network