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(Someone to talk to....who understands)

Greetings to all the members and supporters of the Harvey Floyd Chapter of Us TOO .

Our support group vision is: *“To provide the highest level of leadership, compassion and promotion of an enhanced understanding of prostate cancer while improving the quality of life for survivors, their families and men at risk through proactive programs and positions”.*

Organs At Risk : Rectal Protection for Prostate Cancer Radiation Therapy Patients

SpaceOAR, is a new technology that offers protection for prostate cancer patients from the potential adverse effects of radiation therapy. SpaceOAR consists of a water-based hydrogel administered by a physician in a simple procedure. The gel is injected through a needle into the body as a liquid and quickly solidifies into a soft gel that expands the space between the prostate and rectum. The hydrogel spacer maintains this separation until radiotherapy is complete. The spacer then liquefies and is absorbed and eliminated from the body in the patient’s urine. Most patients report that they have little or no discomfort from the procedure.

Rectal radiation exposure limits the ability to deliver high doses of radiation to the prostate. The Augmenix SpaceOAR System substantially reduces that obstacle, allowing the oncologist to deliver higher doses of radiation to more safely and effectively treat the cancer.

Our March meeting will be held in the Medical Office Building at the Gibbs Cancer Pelham Medical Center Campus. Located at 250 Westmoreland Road Greer, SC. Our speaker will be Dr. Daniel B. Fried, MD, PhD, medical director and radiation oncologist at Gibbs Cancer Center & Research Institute. Our topic will be the SpaceOAR System. We look forward to seeing each and everyone on Monday March 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Click link for brief video on SpaceOAR System – Spacing Organs At Risk (OAR)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykmnKWpSGrl>

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>	<u>Outreach Events Upcoming</u>	<u>You Can Help</u>
Apr. 4th 2016 - Dr. Samuel J. Peretsman, MD Urology Specialists of the Carolinas Topic: High Intensity Focus Ultrasound	Mar. 11th “STICK IT TO CANCER” Bon Secours Wellness Area(Swamp Rabbit Hockey)	Need some of you to sign up on the refreshment list located on the Info. Table or See Bob or Ginny Milks
May 2nd 2016 - TBA Jun-July-August: Summer Break	Chapter Leader Johnny Payne 864-616-0923 Assistant Leader Carol Minehardt 864- 420-0556 Associate Leader Bob Milks 864-414-7780 Associate Leader John Boyle 864-201-2193	
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Directions: Take I-85 North to Exit 56 (Highway 14). At the top of the exit, turn right. The Pelham Medical Center is approximately 0.6 miles (at the first light) on your left at the corner of Westmoreland Road and SC-14. Turn left onto Westmoreland Road and then take the first right into the PMC campus. The Medical Office Building is the first entrance on the right, and Entrance B is the main entrance into the building. Once inside the building, turn left, and the Community Room is on the left.