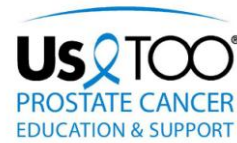




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April 2015

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

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

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”.*

Urinary Incontinence and Erectile Dysfunction

There are several side effects associated with being diagnosed with Prostate Cancer and Prostate Cancer Treatment. The major possible side effects of treatment are urinary incontinence (being unable to control urine) and impotence (being unable to have erections). It should be noted that these side effects can also occur with other conditions. Incontinence can be caused by increased bladder pressure, muscle spasms, or damage to the sphincter muscle that controls bladder flow.

Some degree of erectile dysfunction usually occurs right after prostate surgery, regardless whether nerve sparing techniques are performed.. The severity of the erectile dysfunction depends on the type of surgery, the stage of cancer, and the skill of the surgeon.

Even when surgeons use the most advanced techniques, erectile dysfunction (impotence) can occur if prostate surgery disrupts the nerves close to the prostate that control blood flow to the penis. In many cases, this side effect is temporary, although recovery of full erections may take as long as three years after prostate surgery. Improved surgical techniques have reduced the risk of incontinence following surgery. Over 90 percent of men experience a complete return of continence, usually within a few months after surgery.

Our guest presenters for our April Support Group Meeting are Drs. Samuel Sterrett & and Robert Monroe of Greenville-Palmetto Urology. Our Topic is Incontinence and Erectile Dysfunction.

We look forward to seeing each and everyone on Monday, April 6th beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

Apr 6th-Drs. Sterrett & Monroe, Bon Secours Health
Topic: Incontinence and Erectile Dysfunction

May 4th-Dr. Patrick Springhart, Greenville Health Sys.
Topic: **Fusion Guided Biopsy**

Summer Break
June-July-August

Upcoming Outreach Events

Apr. 11th- GHS Minority Health Summit- TD Bank Ctr.
Greenville SC
May 2nd - PCa Awareness Ed- State Bapt. Brotherhood
Simpsonville SC

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You Can Help

Need some of you to sign up on the refreshment list located on the Info. Table or See Bob or Ginny Milks

Thanks to the Greenville Health System for your support.
Thanks to the American Cancer Society for help in printing and mailing this newsletter.

Please let me know if there are any changes to our database. Also let me know if you have any questions or
If you desire not to receive this newsletter: Contact
Bob Milks @ 864-414-7780 or email bobmilksr@gmail.com

Meetings are held at Fellowship Greenville Church, 3161 S. Highway 14, the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 pm

(no meetings June, July or August): Directions: From the intersection of I85 and I385 – Take I85N toward airport 3.3 miles, exit 54: bear to the right onto Pelham Road; Follow Pelham Road 1.7 miles to Highway 14: Turn right – Fellowship Greenville will be just down the road ½ mile on the left. (For information. call 414-7780 or 616-0923)