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# Us TOO Prostate Cancer Education and Support Group Harvey Floyd Chapter, Greenville, SC

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**LIFELINE**



November 2017

(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".**

## Proton Beam Therapy

**Proton therapy**, or **proton beam therapy** is a type of particle therapy that uses a beam of protons to destroy cancerous tumors. Proponents of proton therapy cite the advantage of proton therapy over other types of external beam radiotherapy is that as a charged particle the dose is deposited over a narrow range and there is minimal exit dose. Because the prostate gland is located close to the bladder and rectum, it is important for radiation treatment to be focused directly toward the prostate and away from critical areas to reduce the likelihood of side effects.

In prostate cancer, some studies show a reduction in long term bladder and rectum damage when treating with protons rather than photons( X-rays or Gamma rays). Others studies show a relatively small difference, limited to cases where the prostate is particularly close to certain anatomical structures.

Due to the high number of prostate cancer cases diagnosed many facilities have devoted a majority of their treatment slots to prostate treatments. Overall worldwide numbers are hard to find, but some estimate that over 25% of proton therapy treatments are for prostate cancer.

Our November Support Group meeting will be Monday, November 6 @ 7:00 p.m. Our speaker will be **Bradlee Roberts, FACHE, MHA, R.T. (R)(T)** Director of Patient Services, University of Florida Health Proton Therapy Institute. Our Topic will be Proton Beam Therapy.

This meeting will be broadcast of Facebook live: <https://www.facebook.com/UsTOOgreenvilleSC>

<b><u>Upcoming Outreach Events</u></b>	<b><u>Upcoming Meetings</u></b>			We thank Laura Brasington of AbbVie Pharmaceuticals & the Upstate Prostate Cancer Alliance for sponsoring our refreshments
	Dec. 4 - Doug McCormick, formerly with GHS Cancer Institute Topic: Active Surveillance			
	Chapter Leader	Johnny Payne	864-616-0923	
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Thanks to the Greenville Health System and the American Cancer Society for your support.		Please let us know of any changes of <b>If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter. Contact Bob Cardone @ 864-630-0362</b>		

**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)