

Discussion

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- Models of survivorship care.
- Development of targeted interventions.
- Directions for dissemination.

Models of Survivorship Care

- Type of survivor.
 - Disease-specific vs. general.
- Setting of care.
 - Consultative survivorship clinics vs. integrative models.
- Type of clinician providing care
 - Physician- or nurse-led vs. care team.

(AHRQ 2014)

Models of Survivorship Care

- Purpose of survivorship care program.
 - Transitional.
 - Multidisciplinary coordination.
 - Survivorship care plan-focused.

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Models of Survivorship Care

- Emerging models may be limited in light of the needs of diverse and underserved populations.
- Models could be expanded to address disparities in survivorship outcomes.
 - Guided by social and cultural context.

Expanded Models of Survivorship Care

- Type of survivor.
 - How are the needs of co-survivors (family members, caregivers) addressed?
- Setting of care.
 - Community-based settings in addition to healthcare settings.

Expanded Models of Survivorship Care

- Type of clinician providing care.
 - Are survivors part of the care team?
 - In communities in which cancer knowledge is low and cancer stigma is high, survivors can...
 - Serve as role models/mentors/coaches.
 - Normalize the experience and reduce isolation.
 - Serve as unique sources of support due to shared experience.
- Purpose of survivorship care program.
 - Point of service for targeted interventions.

Intervention Development in Survivorship Care

- Community engagement.
 - Time- and labor-intensive.
- Cultural leverage.
 - A focused strategy for improving the health of racial and ethnic communities by using their cultural practices, products, philosophies, or environments as vehicles that facilitate behavior change of patients and practitioners.

(Fisher et al., 2007, Med Care Res Rev)

Next Steps

- It is challenging to establish evidence-based interventions as part of standard care in survivorship care settings.
- Extending reach beyond the traditional survivorship care setting.
 - SEER and state registries.
 - Partnerships with existing cancer advocacy groups.
 - eHealth/mHealth-based dissemination.

Next Steps

- Breast cancer is over-represented in behavioral survivorship research.
- There is a tremendous need for work focused on other types of cancer survivors across diverse populations.