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“Gay Men, Prostate Cancer, and What Comes After” Research Study:
Letter of Information

My name is Dr. Tracey Rickards and I am an assistant professor with the Faculty of Nursing at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton.

There is currently a significant body of research that has explored the topic of heterosexual couples’ experiences with prostate cancer diagnosis and treatment; however, there is very little research that looks at the experiences of gay men. The aim of this research study is to explore how being diagnosed and treated for prostate cancer affects the lives and intimate relationships of gay men. The findings of this research will help to inform a larger program of research that has focused on the experiences of heterosexual couples with prostate cancer conducted by Dr. Deborah McLeod at Dalhousie University.

I am seeking to interview English-speaking gay men from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, or Prince Edward Island who have been diagnosed with and treated for prostate cancer about their experiences during a recorded interview lasting 1-2 hours. I may also need to conduct a second, shorter interview with them (30-60 minutes) to explore ideas and themes that were not explored during the first interview. As a thank you for taking part in this research, participants will receive a \$25 gift card to Cineplex Theatres.

This project has been reviewed by the University of New Brunswick Research Ethics Board and is on file as REB: 2014-28. If you have any ethical concerns about the project or questions about your rights as a participant please contact Dr. Loretta Secco, Assistant Dean of Research at the UNB Faculty of Nursing (loretta@unb.ca).

If you are interested in being part of this study or would like more information please contact me, Dr. Tracey Rickards, by phone: (506) 447-3412, or email: srickar1@unb.ca.

Thank you for your interest in this research.

Sincerely,
Tracey Rickards RN, PhD