

Study Introduction

Dr. Tracey Rickards is an assistant professor with the Faculty of Nursing at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton. She is conducting a study to better understand the experiences of gay men after being treated for prostate cancer.

If you are an English-speaking gay man residing in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, or Prince Edward Island, you are eligible to participate in this study. Please see inside this brochure for further information or turn to the back for Dr. Rickard's contact information.



Questions?

For more information or to express your interest in participating in this study, please contact:



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Gay Men, Prostate Cancer, and What Comes After



*A research study by the UNB
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Background Information

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 MacLeod at Dalhousie University.

Study Design & Process

This study is qualitative and uses interviews conducted by Dr. Tracey Rickards to gather information. As a participant in this study, you will be asked to take part in 1-2 interviews in a location that is most comfortable for you. Your participation is voluntary and you can choose to withdraw at any time. As a thank-you for participating, you will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Cineplex Theatres.

The interviews will be recorded, typed and then analyzed. After 2-6 months, you will be contacted with preliminary results and asked to comment on whether they reflect your experience. Finally, a research report explaining how gay men cope with the diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer will be written from the analysis of the interviews.

Every effort will be made to keep your personal information confidential throughout the course of this study and afterwards. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Rickards (see over).

Risks & Benefits

There are very few known health risks to taking part in this research study. There is a small risk that you may feel upset when talking about your experiences. If this happens Dr. Tracey Rickards will make sure you have the names and contact information of counselors in your area. In addition, Dr. Rickards will stay for a few minutes after the formal interview to address any immediate concerns.

There will likely be no direct personal benefits to you for taking part in this study; however, what you share will be used to help nurses and other health care providers better understand what it is like to experience prostate cancer as a gay man, and therefore be able to provide better care to other gay men with prostate cancer in the future.

