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# HAVE YOU RECENTLY UNDERGONE BREAST CANCER SURGERY?

We are looking for feedback from you on the breast health information you received at diagnosis and prior to surgery, such as:

- The type of information you received
- How well you were able to use it
- What you would like to see added

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SMALL FOCUS GROUP  
AT THE FOOTHILLS MEDICAL CENTRE**

**TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2017 FROM 4–7 PM**

*Free parking and a light dinner will be provided.*

**TO PARTICIPATE OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:**

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*This project is in support of the Cancer Strategic Clinical Network's (SCN) initiative to develop high quality, standardized breast health education resources for the women of Alberta. This focus group will be conducted by Patient and Community Engagement Researchers (PACER).*



The Cancer Strategic Clinical Network™ (SCN™) is conducting a series of activities to gather patient input towards developing high quality, standardized breast health education resources for the women of Alberta. This is part of the Cancer SCN's multi-year strategy to improve care for women who have or are at risk of developing breast cancer in Alberta.

The Patient and Community Engagement Research (PaCER) Program at the University of Calgary will be working with the Cancer SCN to identify current breast health education supports that are available to patients and to hear from patients regarding how these resources can be improved.

### **Purpose of the Project**

We are seeking participants who have recently undergone breast cancer surgery, within the last two years, to tell us about the kind of information/resources they received, when they received them, and how well they were able to use the information. We will also be asking participants for ideas they have regarding how the information/resources could be improved. This will enable us to improve the information/resources given to patients to ensure that they receive education and support that truly reflects their needs and priorities.

### **Role of Participants in the Project**

As a participant in this project, you will be asked to review and provide your feedback on existing breast cancer and breast health educational materials, including helping to identify gaps in the information that is currently provided to patients as well as what information is most important to you and what you would like to see included in these materials in the future. The project will be looking at both printed and online resources available to patients.

### **Level of Engagement and Report Back**

Once we have collected information from patients in both urban and rural areas through focus groups and interviews, you may be invited to join us for a final focus group to review the patient input we have gathered and to make sure the collective patient perspective is reflected accurately. We will provide an update on the outcome of the project to all participants after the project is complete, so you will be able to see the impact that your contributions had.

### **Time Commitment and Logistics**

If you decide to participate in this project, you may be asked to participate in either a focus group or an individual interview. The focus groups would involve approximately 5-8 participants and will be

approximately 3 hours in duration. If you are involved in an individual interview, this would likely be done over the telephone, and will be no more than 90 minutes.

The focus groups will be held on May 30 and June 8, 2017, from 4-7pm. The location of the focus groups has not yet been determined, as it will depend on the location of interested participants.

Your decision to participate is completely voluntary. Please note that group conversations during the focus groups and interview audio will be recorded; however, all participants will remain anonymous.

If you participate in one of the focus groups, your parking will be reimbursed, and a light dinner and beverages will also be provided.

### **Whom to Contact**

The focus groups and interviews will be conducted by me, Romita Choudhury, and Laura Wheeler from the PaCER Program at the University of Calgary. We are patient engagement researchers with personal experience of cancer surgery. Please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or email if you are interested in participating or if you would like more information.

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Again, your experience is very important to us and your input will help the Cancer SCN develop the kind of breast health information that serves you best.

Thank you for considering this invitation.

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