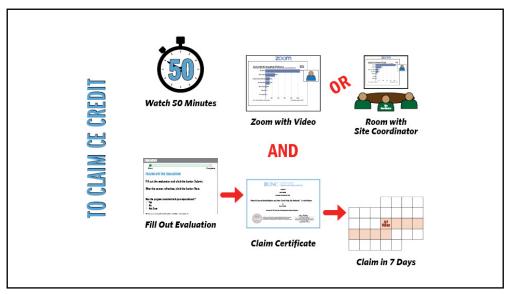
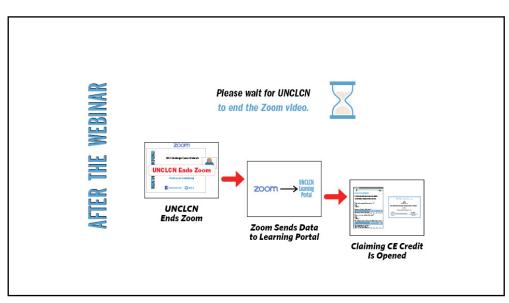
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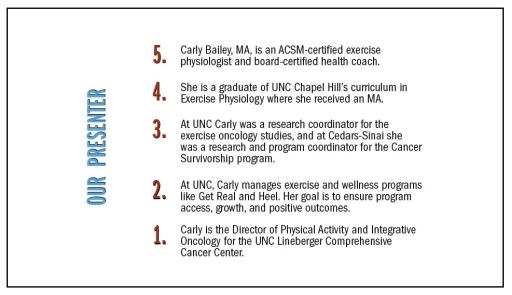
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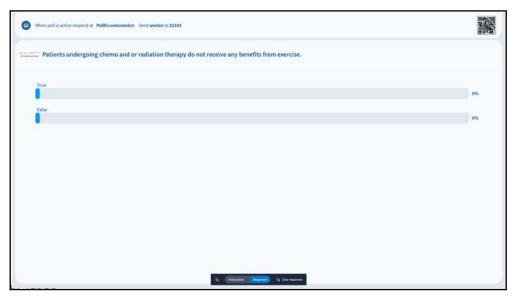
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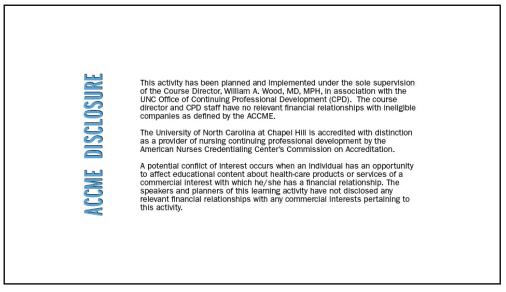
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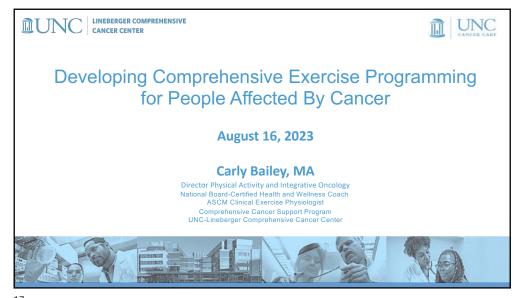


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#### **Presentation Outline**

- Why Exercise
  - Benefits
  - Program Components
- Engaging Patients
  - Patient Led Conversations
  - Barriers and facilitators access
  - · Capitalizing on principles of behavior change
- What Already Exists at UNC
  - · and how to get your patients involved





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#### **Objectives**

- 1. Define the role of a variety of modalities of exercise for the benefit of cancer survivors
- 2. Describe the parameters for safety of exercise during and after cancer treatment
- 3. Identify 2 ways to help patients engage in exercise during and after cancer treatment





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#### **Physical Activity Rates Among Cancer Survivors**

Cancer Survivors	Americans
30-47% of cancer patients are adequately active (Blanchard 2008, Webb 2016)	In 2020, 24.2% adults met 2018 PA guidelines
34% cancer survivors reported no leisure time PA	Most popular leisure activity is watching TV(2- 3hrs) followed by gaming

• 15% of patients report being referred to an exercise program by their oncologist (Ligbel 2022)





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#### **Recommendations for Exercise**

#### American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM)

- AVOID INACTIVTY
- Cardio
  - 150 Min moderate intensity PA
  - 75 min high intensity PA
- Strength
  - Perform strength training with all major muscle groups 2x/week
- Flexibility
  - Stretch after each workout session





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#### And a little more...

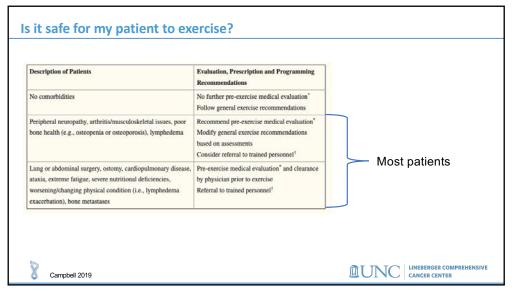
- General movement counts towards the 150 min
- Exercise is safe for patients with lymphedema
- Exercise is safe for patients with metastatic or advanced disease
- No medical clearance required for patients with no comorbidities

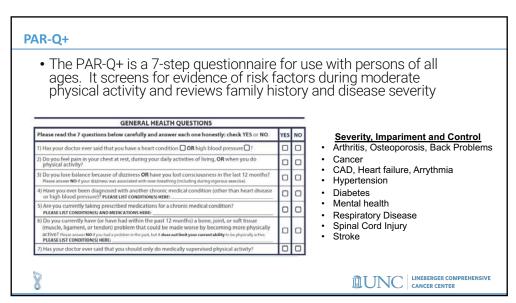






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Bone Mets/bone loss	Avoid high-impact movements, hyperextension or flexion of the spine and dynamic twisting movements
Lymphedema	Insufficient evidence to support or refute the clinical advice of a compression sleeve- refer to patient's provider for guidance
Older adults	Cancer can accelerate co-morbidities such as: sarcopenia, osteoporosis, cognitive decline, fatigue, neuropathy
Ostomy	Empty before exercise  Avoid contact sports  Supervision from exercise professional (avoiding Valsalva, modifying core, ensuring proper hydration for ileostomy)
Peripheral neuropathy	Balance, stability and gait should be assessed before starting exercise Consider non-weight bearing exercise Resistance training considerations (gloves, machines vs free weights)
Stem Cell Transplant	Home-based programs encouraged Light intensity, high frequency Progress slowly and on day-to-day basis
Neutropenia	Fevers Platelets < 10-15 K
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#### **Poll Everywhere**

Scenario: Amy is a 57-year-old breast cancer survivor. She was treated with a double mastectomy, chemotherapy, and radiation. She finished treatment 3 months ago and remains on Arimidex. She is concerned about her recent weight gain. She has right arm lymphedema and fatigue related to her treatment, and reports diabetes on her PAR-Q.

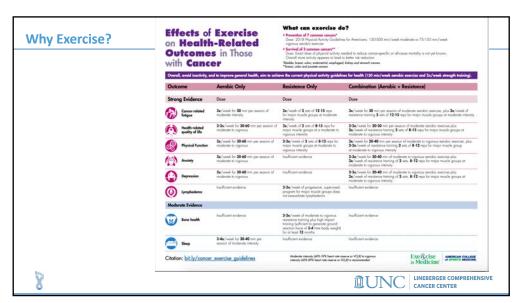






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#### **Fatigue**

Fatigue can persist in 25% of cancer survivors many years after their treatment has ended and contributes to difficulty returning to work, independent living and poor quality of life (Bower, JE 2006)

Differential Effects of Exercise on Cancer-Related Fatigue During and Following Treatment: A Meta-Analysis

- Exercise significantly reduced cancer-related fatigue by a mean effect Δ (95% CI) of 0.32 (0.21, 0.43) and 0.38 (0.21, 0.54) during and following cancer treatment, respectively.
- Exercise has a palliative effect in patients during treatment and a recuperative effect post-treatment.



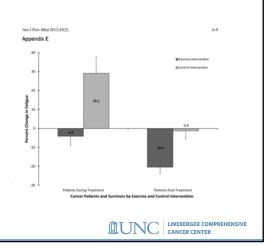
Puetz and Herring 2012



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#### **Fatigue**

- 70 studies
- · 23 during treatment
- 27 post-treatment
- During treatment, the primary moderator was adherence
- Post treatment, the primary moderator was exercise program length, comparison type (waitlist controls)



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Puetz and Herring (201)

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#### **Quality Of Life**

- Meta-Analysis of 34 RCTs (Buffart et al 2016)
  - Exercise, and particularly supervised exercise, effectively improves QoL and PF in patients with cancer with different demographic and clinical characteristics during and following treatment
  - No effects of intervention timing or FITT factors
- Meta- Analysis of 74 RCTs (Sweegers et al 2018)
  - Exercise improved QOL and PF compared to control
  - Supervised exercise resulted in significant beneficial effects
  - Unsupervised exercise with higher energy expenditure was more effected than unsupervised exercise with low energy expenditure
  - No differences in exercise intervention effects (timing, duration, or FITT factors)





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#### **Anxiety and Depression**

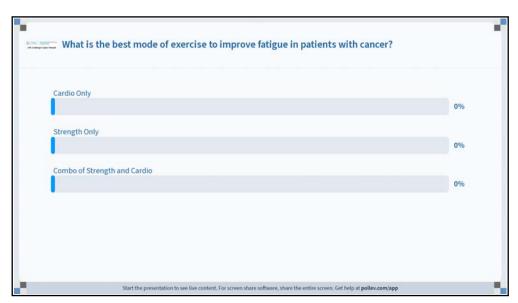
- Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of 15 RCTs(Craft et al 2013)
  - Exercise has positive effects on depressive symptoms
  - Supervised or partially supervised
  - Not home-based
  - At least 30 minutes in duration
- Meta- Analysis of 40 Trials (2 CCTs) (Mishra et al 2012)
  - Significant reduction in anxiety in the group exposed to exercise at 12 weeks follow up





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#### **Scenario- Poll Everywhere**

Mark comes to clinic struggling with fatigue, anxiety, and pain.

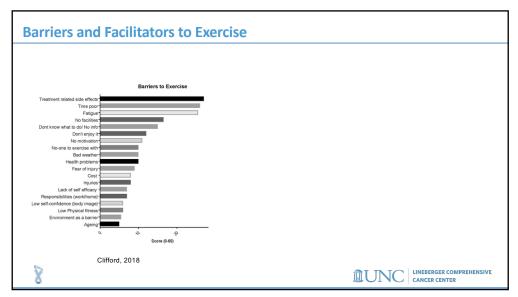
You decide to mention exercise to him as an alternative way to manage these symptoms.



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#### **Patient Led Engagement is Key**

- Freedom to do what feels right for them
- Increased autonomy
- Less "micromanaging"





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**Provide Education and Resources** 

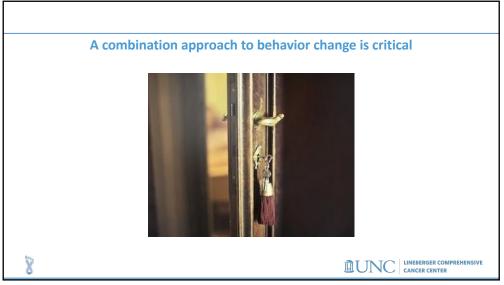
- Simple ideas about what constitutes physical activity
- Community Resources
  - LiveStrong
  - Cancer support programs
- Caregivers
  - · Accountability!
- Tracking resources
  - · Apple Watch, FitBit, etc
  - Journal

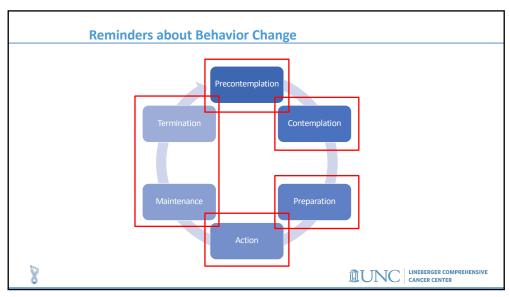




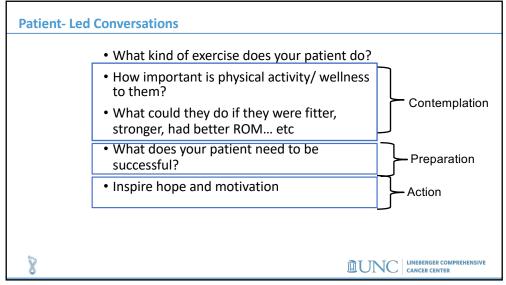


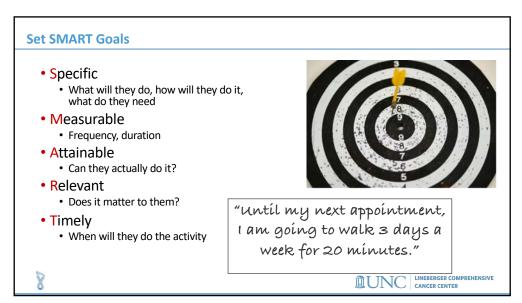
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#### **Useful Techniques for Patient Led Conversation**

- Open ended questions
  - How
  - What
  - · Avoid Why
- Active listening
  - Limit distractions
- Reflection
  - Words
  - Emotions







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#### **Existing Exercise Resources at UNC Chapel Hill**

<u>Our mission</u> is to offer a scalable, comprehensive, individualized, exercise program to meet the physical wellness needs of cancer survivors of all types. We aim to educate cancer survivors about safe, progressive exercise and provide a platform for students to learn how to deliver oncology-specific exercise programs.

<u>Our purpose</u> is to provide compassionate and effective exercise programming for all North Carolina cancer survivors.





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#### **Get Real and Heel**

#### **Community Program**

- 12-week moderate intensity, individualized, comprehensive exercise program
- · Small groups, three times per week
- Includes: aerobic, strength, flexibility, and balance training
- Open to all cancer patients and survivors regardless of cancer diagnosis, stage, or treatment type
- · Free
- · Program requirements:
  - Completion of a baseline physical assessment (provided by the GR&H team)
  - · Medical clearance may be required

#### **Remote Programming**

- All remote programming
- Classes are offered live via zoom 5 days a week
- Recorded: posted to closed Facebook group and off-Facebook
- Still accepting new participants
- Free





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#### **UNC- HealthScore Health Coaching Program**

- 6-month research study (Bill Wood, PI) aimed to improve or maintain quality of life during or after cancer treatment
- Inclusion:
  - English or Spanish Speaking
  - 6 Month Life expectancy
  - Has metastatic or advanced cancer



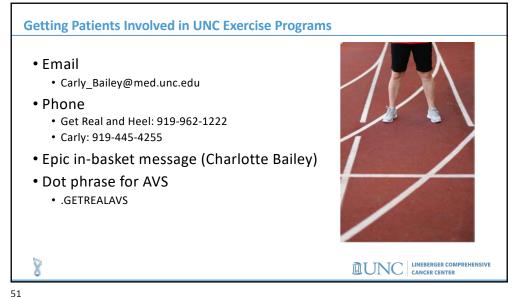
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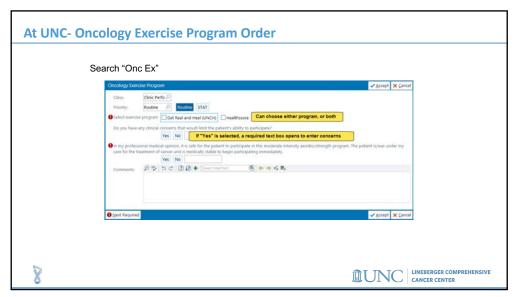
- Given a FitBit
- Randomized
  - Intervention Group: physical and PRO milestone assessments, weekly health coaching, symptom monitoring, and resource navigation
  - · Control group: standard of care and milestone assessments



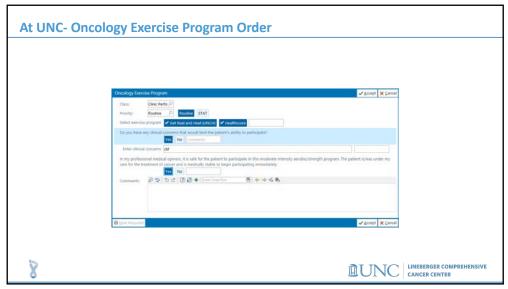


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#### **GRH's Future**

- Partnership for research studies at UNC and beyond
  - Research capabilities
- Partnership for launch of GRH program at other sites
  - Program growth
- Community partnerships
  - Expansion into the larger community



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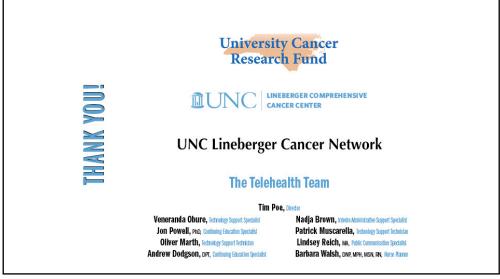
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