

Work Ability in Young Adult Survivors of AYA Cancers (WAYS): A Qualitative Investigation Drs. Joanne Sandberg & Thomas Arcury jsandber@wakehealth.edu



Objectives

- To delineate common themes in the <u>experiences</u> of YA survivors in how physical, cognitive, and psychosocial issues following cancer diagnosis and treatment have affected their work ability, educational attainment, labor force participation, and occupation.
- To identify common patterns in how work or school <u>adjustments</u> in response to the effects of cancer diagnosis and treatment influence YA survivors' occupational and educational outcomes.

Sample / Eligibility Criteria

- N = 60 cancer survivors
 - 18-39 years of age at time of enrollment
 - ≥ 2 years post-diagnosis
 - Not in active treatment
 - Diagnosed with cancer ≥ age15
 - Live or work within 250 miles of Winston-Salem, NC

Recruitment & Data Collection

- Plan to recruit through CCCWFU CCOP RB and CTSU sites over ~12 months.
- Stratified purposive sampling will be used to ensure variation by key individual characteristics.
- Project team member will conduct 1 semi-structured, indepth interview with each participant.

Status

• R21 grant proposal been submitted.

Questions & Discussion

