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My Friends,

Welcome to the September 2023 edition of The Specialist.

This month, our focus is firmly set on men’s health, urging the men in our lives to take an active stance in their well-being by embracing proactive prostate cancer screening. Throughout these pages, we embark on a journey of education, exploring early detection methods, risk factors, and the range of available treatments. One of our patients generously shares their personal experience, shedding light on their courageous journey through this disease.

In our commitment to making a meaningful impact, we’re extending our efforts to reach underserved and minority communities. We aim to provide them with a comprehensive understanding of clinical research and the diverse treatment options that New York Cancer & Blood Specialists offers.

A highlight of this edition is our cherished friend and Chief Operating Officer, Nicole Flores. As we take a moment to celebrate her, we also delve into the heartwarming recap of the Under the Stars Gala by Mondays at Racine, an event that beautifully honored Nicole’s dedication and passion.

Amidst these significant features, we also explore topics like breast density and pain awareness, casting a wide net over critical aspects of healthcare that deserve our collective attention.

Thank you for joining us in this journey of learning, empathy, and progress as we conquer cancer together.

Warm regards,
Dr. V

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PATIENT FEEDBACK

Avi Retter, MD
“Dr. Retter has a wonderful facility catering to the greater Bronx community and its cancer. With his help we will rid of this disease one patient at a time. Thank you for being here for me when I need you the most, I will forever be thankful for you Dr. The newly renovated building is coming out amazing in and out and it’s a good feeling to be inside during treatment. Let’s not forget about the staff who is amazing from the minute you enter to the minute you leave. They have this place running smoothly with lots of love given. Thank you all on my continued journey to healing. Prayers”

Vincent D.

Roy Chen, MD
“Amazing doctor visits. DR. CHEN is the best. No waiting, so efficient and everyone was so pleasant. Dr. Chen is the best. Finally a doctor who spends time with you, listens and explains everything.”

Francis D.

Triantafillos Fillos, MD
“Dr. Fillos is the greatest doctor. He saved my life. The best friend after my recovery. Be well always my friend!!!”

Maria S.
How Urologists & Oncologists Work Together to Treat Prostate Cancer
Prostate cancer can affect any man, and it’s best treated by a team of doctors working together. Urologists and oncologists now team up to provide the most effective care, whether the cancer is just starting or more advanced. read more...

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Prostate cancer used to be managed mainly by urologists, who dealt with urinary system issues. Surgery was a standard treatment. But today, a joint approach involving different specialists is recognized as crucial for the best care.

Urologists are key in prostate cancer care. They diagnose and guide patients through the journey, from initial screenings to treatment options. Urologists work with medical and radiation oncologists to ensure patients get the right treatment. Medical oncologists handle systemic treatments like chemotherapy and targeted therapy, which are important for advanced cases. They collaborate with urologists to decide the best treatment plan.

Radiation oncologists are experts in using radiation to treat cancer. They decide if radiation therapy is needed and which type suits the patient best, such as brachytherapy or external beam radiation.

Collaboration between urologists, medical oncologists, and radiation oncologists is vital and is changing how we treat prostate cancer. When patients visit urologists due to high PSA levels, tests confirm the diagnosis. Treatment options like surgery, radiation, and systemic therapy are discussed if cancer is found.

Multidisciplinary care is about the patient's well-being. Urologists, medical oncologists, and radiation oncologists work together to create personalized treatment plans and ensure patients get the best treatment plans at every stage.

*The American Cancer Society*
What is Prostate Cancer?
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What Causes Prostate Cancer?
Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among men in the United States, aside from skin cancer. There is not a clear cause, but there are certain prostate cancer risk factors that can make you more likely to develop it in your lifetime, including:

- African American - African American men are almost twice as likely to develop the disease than Caucasian men.
- A family history of prostate cancer - Having a family member diagnosed with prostate cancer increases your risk.
- A family history of breast or ovarian cancer - If family members have a BRCA gene mutation, it could leave more at risk.
- Poor diet and obesity - Those that are obese and eat lots of high-fat foods may be at a higher risk for prostate cancer.

What Are the Symptoms of Prostate Cancer?
Unfortunately, prostate cancer often begins and grows without causing any noticeable symptoms because it is slow-growing. Some prostate cancers can be aggressive and spread to other areas outside of the prostate, causing different symptoms and complications. Early detection is critical for successful treatment and a good prognosis.

Some of the signs and symptoms to be on the lookout for when it comes to prostate cancer include:

- Difficulty urinating
- Blood in the urine
- Blood in the semen
- Erectile dysfunction
- Bone pain
- Loss of weight without trying

How Can I Prevent Prostate Cancer?
There is no sure way to ensure you never develop prostate cancer in your lifetime, but there are specific lifestyle changes you can make to help reduce your risk, such as:

- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Eat a nutrient-rich diet of healthy fruits, vegetables, lean meats, and whole grains.
- Exercise regularly throughout the week.
- Talk to your doctor about an increased risk of prostate cancer.
- Talk to your doctor about getting screened for prostate cancer.
- Talk to your doctor if you have any symptoms.
Discover Relief: National Pain Awareness Month
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Lunchbox Ideas:
Fueling Young Minds with Flavorful Nutrition
By Patricia Salvio, RDN CDN CNSC
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Ignoring chronic pain can lead to bigger problems like feeling weaker, trouble sleeping, and even feeling down. It’s like hoping a leaky roof will fix itself – it just gets worse.

You might have joint or body pain, which most of us feel at some point. But here’s the thing – you don’t have to tough it out. When pain shows up, don’t just push through. Getting help early can make a big difference and prevent more issues down the road.

At NY Spine & Pain Specialists, we’re your partners in feeling better. Our board-certified team of specialists are experts in minimally invasive treatments and pain relief therapies for a diverse range of conditions: ailments in the back, neck, knees, hips, elbows, and more. Their expertise addresses degenerative disc disease, spinal stenosis, neuropathic pain, complex regional pain syndromes (CRPS), and musculoskeletal-related sports injuries, among others. They have extensive experience in spinal cord stimulation, the Mild procedure, the Vertiflex procedure, and the new Intercept procedure for low back pain, among other minimally invasive procedures to achieve better pain control.

While surgery may be recommended for some patients, NY Spine & Pain Specialists is dedicated to working with each patient to develop a tailored treatment plan that may include a referral to rehabilitation therapy, pain management injections, and/or minimally invasive procedures.

So, if you’re tired of hurting, why not take this month to explore new options? NY Spine & Pain Specialists are ready to work with you on a plan that might include therapy, special shots, or those smart procedures.

This National Pain Awareness Month, say goodbye to constant pain and hello to feeling better. Your journey to feeling good again starts now.
Lunchbox Ideas:
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As we bring in the new school year, we’re also inviting a world of possibilities, growth, and, of course, delicious lunches. Let’s make this school year a flavorful adventure that fuels young minds and bodies with these nutritious lunch box suggestions.

Chicken Kabobs
• 2 oz grilled chicken breast, cubed
• 1 oz fresh mozzarella bocconcini
• ½ cup cherry tomatoes
• ½ cup baby carrots
• ½ cup cucumber slices
• Whole-grain crackers

Key Nutritional Benefits:
Grilled chicken adds lean protein for growth. Cheese adds more protein along with calcium to support strong bones. Veggies and whole grain crackers add fiber.

Peanut Butter & Jelly Roll-Ups
• 2 whole-wheat bread slices
• 2 tablespoons natural peanut butter
• 1 banana, peeled
• 1 teaspoon chia seeds

Key Nutritional Benefits:
Natural peanut butter delivers protein and healthy fats. Bananas offer potassium, and chia seeds add omega-3 fatty acids and fiber.

Santa Fe Chicken Wrap
• 1 whole-wheat tortilla
• 2 oz grilled chicken breast, sliced
• ½ cup mixed greens
• ¼ cup diced cucumbers
• ¼ cup diced tomatoes
• 2 tablespoons salsa (for dipping)

Key Nutritional Benefits:
Whole-wheat tortillas and veggies add fiber and vitamins, while salsa adds vitamin C, and chia seeds add omega-3 fatty acids and fiber.

Tuna Time Lettuce Wraps
• 1 can tuna (packed in water), drained
• 2 tablespoons Greek yogurt
• ¼ cup finely diced celery
• ¼ cup shredded carrots
• Lettuce leaves for wrapping

Key Nutritional Benefits:
Tuna supplies omega-3 fatty acids for brain health, and Greek yogurt adds probiotics, calcium, and protein—veggies for extra vitamins and crunch.

This toolkit of ideas and ingredients is as nutritious as they are delicious. As you pack these creations, remember that every bite is a step towards a brighter, healthier future.

Let this school year be a great one!
Never Give Up, Never Surrender

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During this time, Vladimir found New York Cancer & Blood Specialists and Dr. Jahan Aghalar, a compassionate and skilled oncologist. Dr. Aghalar began overseeing his care, creating a customized treatment plan for Vladimir.

"Dr. Aghalar is an excellent oncologist," Vladimir says. "He makes sure I get the best treatment possible."

In addition to primary androgen deprivation therapy he began to receive Enzalutamide, a medication designed for managing metastatic castrate-sensitive prostate cancer. His prostate cancer began to spread, and about three months later, Vladimir faced a new health obstacle as his kidney function began to decline, resulting in end-stage kidney failure. He was hospitalized and put on dialysis treatment, a routine Vladimir now undergoes three times a week.

Over the years, as his cancer progressed, a different approach to treatment was necessary. Dr. Aghalar recommended palliative Radiation, and a different type of oral medication called Abiraterone.

Now in the midst of battling progressive stage 4 metastatic prostate cancer, Vladimir has received Sipuleucel-T (Provenge), an immunotherapy treatment which stimulates a T-cell immune response targeted against prostatic acid phosphatase (PAP), an antigen that is highly expressed in most prostate cancer cells.

Vladimir also undergoes physical therapy following the stroke that impacted his left side, balance, and mobility. 'I'm feeling stronger,' he says.

Despite his ailments, Vladimir maintains a positive attitude that he says was influenced by his mother, a nurse at an early age. He shares that she taught him, ‘Never give up, never surrender.’

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When asked about advice for others facing similar journeys, Vladimir’s words are laden with wisdom. "Don’t be afraid of screening, PSA (Prostate-specific antigen). It’s better to deal with it early. The sooner you start treatment, the easier it is;" he advises. He also notes that a positive attitude helps a lot more. "Better to be cheerful than grumpy," he says.
First Annual NY Health Conference
On August 26th, 2023, all nine divisions of NY Health came together for the inaugural NY Health Clinical Education Conference at the Garden City Hotel. read more...

NY Cancer Foundations Upcoming Events!
Saturday, September 9th, for the 10th Annual Patient Celebration Day at the Bald Hill Amphitheater from 12- 4 PM! read more...

Conquering Cancer Together Podcast
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On the memorable evening of August 10, 2023, the 4th Annual Under the Stars Gala hosted by Mondays at Racine took center stage at the exquisite Heritage Club. The event was a brilliant showcase of community support, aimed at generating funds to uphold their mission and extend assistance to those in need, while ensuring that the vital cancer services they offer remain completely free of charge.

Among the luminaries of the night, a spotlight shone brightly on Nicole Flores, the dedicated Chief Operating Officer of New York Cancer & Blood Specialists (NYCBS). Nicole was honored for her commitment to patient advocacy and fierce leadership, a rare and beautiful combination of fearlessness and compassion. Nicole has been a sheer force in helping Mondays become what it is today, a true partner in the fight against cancer, and for always having Mondays back! Dr. Vacirca, offering his perspective, lauded her well-deserved honor and highlighted their collaboration over the past 25 years.

The gala also provided a platform to honor Susan, a patient advocate whose personal journey with cancer was enriched by the impactful services of Mondays at Racine. Through her moving words, attendees gained a firsthand glimpse into the transformational impact of the organization. Carol Silver, Veteran Anchor of News 12 Long Island, shared her own encounter with cancer and underscored the significance of the services provided by Mondays at Racine in the lives of countless individuals battling the disease.

The origins of the powerful partnership between Mondays at Racine and New York Cancer were traced back to 2014 when Dr. Jeff Vacirca, the Chief Executive Officer, and Nicole Flores attended an event that would prove to be pivotal. Witnessing a touching documentary that emanated love, compassion, and profound care from the women of Mondays at Racine, a realization dawned that their values aligned seamlessly. The parallel commitment to holistic patient care—embracing medical, emotional, and spiritual well-being—formed the cornerstone of this alliance.

At salons on Mondays, Mondays at Racine provided cancer patients with access to beauty services that were previously elusive, creating havens of safety and comfort where they could
feel at ease with their appearances, surrounded by peers on similar journeys. Over time, the collaboration expanded to encompass patient wellness “pop-ups” directly within the NYCBS medical practices. These endeavors brought forth a range of services, including chairside massages, manicures, and Reiki, culminating in special beauty and healing days tailored exclusively for patients.

The gala was an enchanting evening, replete with a delectable dinner, exciting raffle prizes, and an uplifting Meditation Moment to commence proceedings. The evening concluded with the gala’s 1st Annual ‘A Night of Light’ Ceremony. Attendees lit sparkler to sparkler, symbolizing the courage and strength of cancer survivors and the lasting impact of those who have left this world. It represented a time to come together and shine a light on the experiences, struggles, and triumphs of individuals affected by cancer. An overhead drone captured this poignant moment, etching it in memory and reinforcing the sense of togetherness throughout each individual’s journey.

It was an evening that celebrated the past, present, and future of compassionate care, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of all who attended.
The 5th Annual Raising Hope Golf Classic, hosted by the New York Cancer Foundation, took place on August 7th, 2023. At Nissequogue Golf Club, slightly over 100 participants enjoyed a day of golf, dinner, raffles, and live music. Despite a rain delay, our committed group persevered on the course. One of our grant recipients, Ellen Kushner, spoke again this year and reminded us that — through events like this one — we can help so many that are struggling. Gratitude is extended to the participants, sponsors, and volunteers who contributed to the day's success. The outcome was impressive, with $150,000 raised through the event. These funds will offer vital support to cancer patients residing in the greater metro NY area, assisting them with essential household expenses.
On August 26th, 2023, all nine divisions of NY Health came together for the inaugural NY Health Clinical Education Conference at the Garden City Hotel. The event welcomed 100 attendees, including Physicians, APPs, and nurses, for a day of connection and networking. Divisions present encompassed Primary Care, Nephrology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pain Management, Surgery, Urology, Physical Therapy, Radiology, and Rheumatology. Throughout the day, speakers included pharmaceutical sponsors and internal providers. We appreciate everyone who joined us for a day of learning and collaboration.
NY Cancer Foundation's Upcoming Events

**10th Annual Patient Celebration Day: September 9th, 2023**
Our favorite day has arrived! Join us Saturday, September 9th, at Bald Hill Amphitheater as we welcome over 1,500 NYCBS patients for a fun-filled day! This year, we will have exciting activities with new rides, live music, raffles, and catering by Felicos!

**Run the Vineyard 5k: October 1st, 2023**
Join us October 1st at 9:00 AM for Run the Vineyard! New York Cancer Foundation has partnered with Good Day for a Run, LLC! All three races will take place at Pindar Vineyards in Peconic, NY! Use the code "NYCancerFoundation" for 10% off! A percentage of the proceeds from this event will benefit the New York Cancer Foundation! Possibilities Rescue, Inc. will also join us as they will have puppies available for adoption at the race!

**3rd Annual Raising Hope Gala: October 13th, 2023**
Join the New York Cancer Foundation for an exquisite evening of dinner and dancing as we honor Ted Okon, Executive Director at Community Oncology Alliance. The night will also include a live and silent auction on October 13th, 2023, at Ziegfeld Ballroom in New York City!

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Every small action counts, and you can make a big impact this September! Stop by Stop and Shop on 158 Route 25A in Setauket and purchase a reusable community bag. For every bag you buy, $1 will be donated to support the New York Cancer Foundation.

By choosing to use these eco-friendly bags, you not only reduce plastic waste but also contribute directly to the betterment of our community. It’s a simple and meaningful way to show your support.

Let’s come together, one bag at a time. Grab your reusable bag today and help us make a lasting difference!

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Ronkonkoma Paint & Baby Shower Night

Dr. Chu took the Ronkonkoma office to paint night and also celebrated ronk office manager Nicole Myers baby shower at the same time. Thanks for all you do!
Pfizer and New York Cancer & Blood Specialists are excited to introduce our new 4-series podcast, “Conquering Cancer Together,” designed to empower patients, families and caregivers, practitioners, and anyone who is interested in listening.

Both Wendy Kaplan, MS, RDN, CSO, CD CES, CDN, Director of Nutritional Services and Dr. MaryAnn Fragola, DNP, ANPc, ACHPN, Clinical Director of Supportive Services, have teamed up to collaborate on a 4-series podcast thanks to a generous grant from Pfizer, who has joined us in our mission to provide world-class, patient-centered affordable care to patients with cancer and blood disorders in their communities, close to family and friends. This grant will benefit the New York Cancer Foundation in helping assist patients in need.

The disciplines here at NYCBS, including supportive care and nutrition, have taught us so much about the importance of education and collaboration. Most of the time, there is a misconception about what the supportive department does. Collaboration amongst the many specialties is essential as we work together to provide whole patient care. In doing so, we offer services that focus not only on the disease but on the patient and what encompasses their families.

The many wellness specialties work together as part of an interdisciplinary team to benefit the patient. We are also blessed to have the New York Cancer Foundation, whose mission is to assist in relieving some of the financial stresses that patients experience while undergoing treatment with a cancer diagnosis. They work tirelessly to raise the funds to assist patients with their non-medical bills, allowing them to focus on their journey toward healing.

This podcast series will help empower all to gain knowledge and guidance on the chosen topics. Our Colorectal Cancer podcast features guest speaker Dr. Alfredo Torres. As such an important topic, we discussed screening indications, risk factors, prevention, the many available treatments, and the importance of working as a team to alleviate fears and provide awareness for early detection.

Our Prostate Cancer podcast featuring Dr. Jahan Aghalar focuses on prostate cancer. As a team, we discussed developments in prostate cancer, including screening, common presenting symptoms, methods for detection, the various treatment options and potential side effects, their impact on quality of life, and how we can support the patient and their families in the disease trajectory.

We have two additional podcasts in the works, including a focus on Multiple myeloma with our guest Dr. Jerry George and a dedicated podcast on the burden of cancer in which we will navigate how we can support our patients and their loved ones through the overall journey and beyond, acknowledging just how much they go through.

This series is meant to be an enlightening, fun, and educational way of discussing cancer care issues. Our goal is to provide valuable insights and practical advice to empower you with the resources needed to prioritize your health proactively.

Once again, we owe a huge thanks to Pfizer for joining forces with us and providing the grant that made this podcast series a reality. Their dedication to helping cancer patients and their families is what drives us.

We hope you enjoy the series and, most importantly, gain valuable knowledge from it. Your learning is our ultimate goal.
## Career Opportunities

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## New Hires

- **Ada Reyes** (Intake MA)
- **Alexandra Gallo** (Patient Communications Operator)
- **Alyssa D’Oro** (NP)
- **Andy Espinal** (Lab QA Associate)
- **Anica Ewert** (CCM RN)
- **Anil Manohar** (MRI Technologist)
- **Anna Schneider** (Intake LPN)
- **Corinn Baggs** (RN)
- **Dana Solana** (Infusion RN)
- **Daniel Klein** (Ultrasound Technologist)
- **Danielle Montgomery** (Patient Communications Operator)
- **Diana Conceicao** (Intake LPN)
- **Elizabeth Cortez** (Lab Medical Assistant)
- **Estefany Alvarenga** (Medical Assistant Runner)
- **Faima Thelot** (Float Lab Medical Assistant)
- **Imani White** (Lab Aide)
- **Jacqueline Resto** (Patient Communications Operator)
- **Jared Brooks** (CT Technologist)
- **Jennifer Ginsburg** (Ultrasound Technologist)
- **Karla Aparicio** (Medical Assistant Float)
- **Katlyn Cestaro** (Ultrasound Technologist)
- **Kelli DiPrima** (Ultrasound Technologist)
- **Kimberly Muralles** (Radiology Coordinator)
- **Kristen Vidal** (Care Coordination LPN)
- **Latoya Kennedy** (Lab Medical Assistant)
- **Laura Vecchio** (Patient Communications Operator)
- **Maria Rouskas** (Infusion RN)
- **Mary Habib** (Molecular Technologist Director)
- **Meghan Organ** (Infusion RN)
- **Michael Jagora** (Licensed Practical Nurse)
- **Nancy Chanderdatt** (MA)
- **Rachel Amato** (Triage RN)
- **Rachel Frometa** (Urology Ultrasound Tech)
- **Ricky Huang** (Mixing Pharmacist)
- **Sarah Wise** (Patient Communications Operator)
- **Shekina Frias** (CCM MA)
- **Stephanie Perrodin** (Lab Medical Assistant)
- **Suella Velez** (Lab Medical Assistant)
- **Vanessa Valarezo** (Medical Assistant)
- **Vincenza Gruppuso** (Care Coordination LPN)
OUR PATIENTS & THEIR FAMILIES

Our patients and their families tell the story of conquering cancer like no other. They help us connect, inspire, and empower. If you know a patient or have a family member who would like to make an impact and share their experience with us, please have them contact marketing@nycancer.com.