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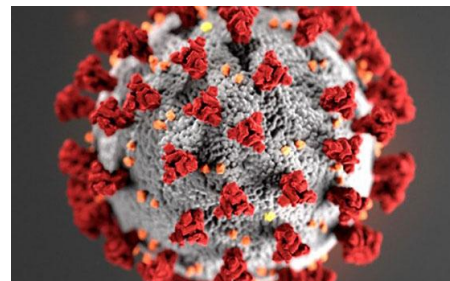


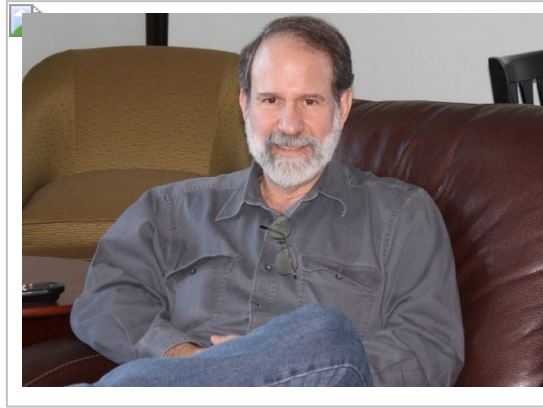
A Message from Dr. Nancy Mendenhall

As the principal investigator of the COMPPARE study, I am proud to introduce the inaugural edition of our newsletter *COMPPARE Connection*. COMPPARE (A Prospective COMparative Study of Outcomes with Proton and Photon RAdiation in PRostate CancEr) is a PCORI-funded research study that seeks to compare the quality of life, side effects, and cure rates for prostate cancer patients treated with proton therapy or photon therapy across the country. [READ MORE »](#)

COVID-19 Updates

We at the COMPPARE Coordinating Center have been actively monitoring the evolving situation related to the COVID-19 outbreak and are committed to helping safeguard the well-being of the caregivers, staff, and patients involved in this important study. To that end, we have encouraged all participating sites to do the following: Conduct phone visits in lieu of in-person visits. [READ MORE »](#)





Your Legacy: An Interview with Patient Stakeholder Ron Nelson

A prostate cancer survivor and author of [The After Proton Blog](#), Ron Nelson is one of seventeen patient stakeholders supporting the COMPPARE study. What exactly is a patient stakeholder? What's in it for them? Ron had some insightful and surprising answers to our questions about his role in the study and his personal interest in the outcome. [READ MORE »](#)

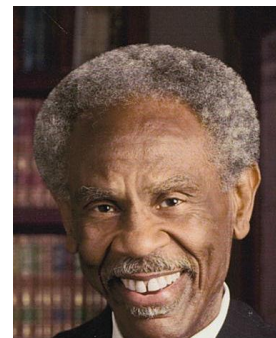


Outreach Updates: COMPPARE 2020 Workshop

The 2020 COMPPARE Workshop: Accrual, Monitoring, and Engagement was held in beautiful Amelia Island, FL, on January 17 - 19. This was a chance for researchers and patients to cross-pollinate their ideas and help COMPPARE succeed. View the [archived presentations](#) to learn more.

Closing the Gap: A Wake-up Call About Prostate Cancer

Charlie Hill, Minority Engagement Group Member and Patient Stakeholder, shares his thoughts on efforts in Virginia to build prostate cancer awareness and how COMPPARE is part of the solution. Mr. Hill is the president and co-founder of the [Hampton Roads Prostate Health Forum](#) and a survivor of prostate cancer. [READ MORE »](#)



Partner Organization Feature

Every issue of *COMPPARE Connection* will feature an article written by one of our partner organizations. [Brotherhood of the Balloon](#), a support group for prostate cancer

patients who have chosen conformal proton beam radiation therapy, will kick things off with the educational article "Urine Test Might Dictate Prostate Cancer Treatment." [READ MORE »](#)

Outreach Updates: 100 Black Men Leadership Summit

Dr. Nancy Mendenhall (COMPPARE PI) and Dr. Curtis Bryant (COMPPARE Co-Investigator) were special guests of the 100 Black Men Health and Wellness Committee at the "Salute to Our Chapter Presidents Luncheon" at the annual Leadership Summit held in Jacksonville, FL, December 11-14, 2019. [READ MORE »](#)



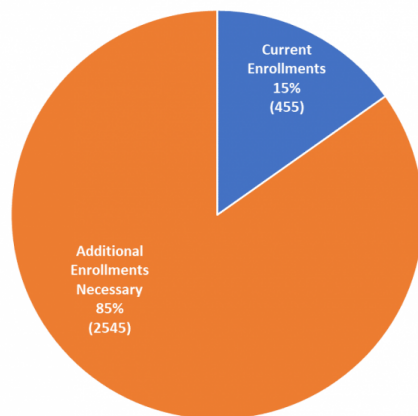
The Prostate Net: Research That Matters to You



Led by Virgil Simons, a long-time survivor of prostate cancer and a patient advocate, [The Prostate Net](#) is an international non-profit patient education and advocacy corporation focused on delivering empowerment to those at risk from, diagnosed with, and being treated for prostate cancer. As part of that mission, The Prostate Net has recommended that COMPPARE participants learn more about a two-institute phase III trial originally reported in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology* and summarized in *The ASCO Post*: "[Neoadjuvant vs Concurrent ADT With Dose-Escalated Radiotherapy for Localized Prostate Cancer.](#)"

COMPPARE: The Video

Have you seen COMPPARE on the big screen? Check out our [recruitment video](#) starring an actual prostate cancer patient and his son on YouTube!



COMPPARE Study Progress

Want the last information on COMPPARE? Find out how many patients have enrolled and how many sites are currently enrolling patients on the [COMPPARE.org Study Progress](#) page.

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