



## February 2018

These calls continue to be popular with many of the leaders and on this call we had 11 leaders from IL, SC, SC, CA, WI, GA, TN, and KY! On this call, we discussed topics for the “Pathways for Prostate Cancer Patients and Their Caregivers” events and the Us TOO survey that had been recently sent out to all group leaders. All the leaders also shared things that were happening with their groups.

Below are the notes from the call:

- George Gardner from Wilmington shared that this was the 6th year that Front Street Brewery had done a fundraising event for Us TOO called the Beard & Mustache Competition. The event usually raises between \$1500-\$2500 for Us TOO.
- Roger Dilling from Seneca, SC had been struggling for the past year or longer to get newly diagnosed patients to the group. He was excited to share that the past two months they have seen a great increase in attendance!
- Jim O’Hara from GA just had a physical therapist attend their meetings who taught the group how to do pelvic floor exercises. The group really learned a lot and enjoyed the presentation.
- Jeff Shea from WI shared a fun idea that he does with the group every March for St. Patrick’s Day. He calls it “Sharing of the Blarney.” Folks from the group come to the meeting with some information they have heard or read on the internet. They discuss whether they have read is “fact” or “fiction.” We all know that there are a lot of “myths” out there about miracle cures cancer etc. The group really enjoys this meeting and they all learn a lot and have some laughs too!
- Cliff also shared that Augmenix has speakers available throughout country to come to group meetings to talk about SpaceOAR. Terri also reminded group that we have the video of that presentation.
- Ken Willmarth would love for us to come up with a “toolkit” to get into the patients hands to tell them about Us TOO before they make their treatment decisions. He feels there seems to be a shortage of urologists lately and they most definitely do not have the time to spend with the patients to discuss different options. If Us TOO created something, Us TOO groups could help to get the kits out to urology offices.
- Din IYnam suggested we share Merel Nissenberg’s report from the recent ASCO meeting on the new drugs that were just approved.

Some doctors and suggestions for topics for the Pathways Events:

- Jonathan Epstein from Baltimore on “How to understand the new Gleason grading.” Cliff Whall shared that Dr. Epstein presented this topic last year at the PCRI conference and it is on the PCRI DVD. He felt it was an excellent presentation and was presented in a way that was easy to understand for everyone. It was also suggested that an article should be put into NYCU on this topic.
- Multi-parametric MRI Imaging – Bernadette Greenwood from Desert Imaging.