In our October tweet chat, we discussed Ductal Carcinoma in Situ (DCIS), and controversy surrounding renaming it. Patricia Anderson, emerging technologies librarian at University of Michigan, and Dana Smetherman, MD, MPH, breast imaging section head at Ochsner Medical Institutions, were guest-tweeters. Participants discussed optimal communication and patient empathy, as well as the importance of education about diagnoses in order to provide high quality care.

Chat Questions: T1: How do women and their providers talk about DCIS?  
T2: Should DCIS be renamed to remove the reference to cancer?  
T3: How can providers better communicate the risks of DCIS and its treatment?
Guest moderators: @pfanderson, emerging technologies librarian, U of Mich, and @SmethermanDana, head of breast imaging, Ochsner Med
#JACR

Hi, everyone and welcome to #jacr tchat. Insightful discussion on Renaming DCIS. Let's get started.

About to begin the #JACR tweet chat on "Redefining DCIS." Of high interest to the #brca #bcsm communities! Please join in!

I can only Join for just a few Minutes. I support you Guys. I’m leading a Leadership Program @PictureFrames cc @ruthearlosmd #JACR

@RadiologyACR Quick note, #Facebook & #Twitter by law must retain all tweets, (even deleted ones up to 5 years) for legal purposes. #jacr
Let's introduce ourselves and see who came out to play! I see @pfanderson and welcome @practicalwisdom @nursefriendly great faces! #jacr

Big warm welcome to @jrgralow breast oncologist extraordinaire from Seattle #jacr. Hoping for big thoughts on a very difficult topic.

Dr. Julie Gralow here, breast med oncologist from @UWMedicine and @SeattleCCA. #JACR

What r some potential new names for DCIS? We have similar issue in MSK with well-differentiated lipoma-like liposarcoma. #jacr

Excited to participate in the #jacr tweet chat tomorrow at noon about DCIS & renaming cancer.

Hi @jrgralow so glad you are here to help guide discussion. @dleerad welcome. and hello to a new friend @SmethermanDana #jacr

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Let’s get started! T1: How do women and their providers talk about DCIS? #JACR

Ruth Carlos @ruthcarlosmd

Hi, everyone. Welcome to #JACR tweet chat. Talking about renaming DCIS. Welcome @pfanderson as an informed pt and emerging tech librarian

Ruth Carlos @ruthcarlosmd

@dleerad--thanks for starting us off and pointing to a common problem in medicine. #jacr

D Lee Bennett @dleerad

Or what do u call it when talking with patients? Carcinoma sounds ominous. #jacr
#JACR I have heard providers use phrases from 'abnormal cells' to 'cancer' when describing DCIS to pts.

T1: Most call DCIS cancer - by calling Stage 0 & non-invasive we try to distinguish from life-threatening disease. #JACR

@dleerad I have mixed feelings about renaming it at all. Like slapping a bandaid on core #healthlit problem #jacr

@ruthcarlosmd Hello Everyone, Andrew Lopez, RN from #NewJersey. #Nurse #Healthcare #Tweetchat #Enthusiast :) #JACR, #nurseup moderator

T1: Which is better? calling it weird cells or calling it non-invasive cancer #jacr
Julie Gralow
@jrgralow

T1: In cervical cancer we have nomenclature that uses "lesion" or "neoplasia" - are those better? #JACR

P. F. Anderson
@pfanderson

‘Cancer’ or ‘Weird Cells’: Which Sounds Deadlier?
nytimes.com/2011/11/22/hea... #JACR

Ruth Carlos
@ruthcarlosmd

@jrgralow #jacr Do you think the word cancer is the what resonates or that it is non-invasive? Post tx worry is same in DCIS vs invasive?

Tirath Patel
@TirthPatelMD

#JACR @ruthcarlosmd T1: I think mentioning both aspects is key for full patient understanding.

P. F. Anderson
@pfanderson

@jrgralow I'm wondering if patients will simply search and find the "old name" #jacr
Andrew Lopez, RN
@nursefriendly
@ruthcarlosmd @pfanderson "Emerging" :) Think proper descriptions for Patricia are #Trailblazer, #EarlyAdopter, #Curator :) #Jacr #nurseup

Julie Gralow
@jrgralow
@pfanderson @dleerad Renaming doesn't really solve the problem. But clearly we need to better convey what DCIS (&LCIS) is! #JACR

Ruth Carlos
@ruthcarlosmd
T1: @jrgralow #jacr Small study shows difference in women's attitudes and choice of (hypothetical) tx if lesion vs non-invasive cancer.

P. F. Anderson
@pfanderson
Why rename: Redefining Cancer To Reduce Unnecessary Treatment npr.org/blogs/health/2... #jacr

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@jrgralow
@pfanderson @dleerad Renaming doesn't really solve the problem. But clearly we need to better convey what DCIS (&LCIS) is! #JACR
RT @pfanderson: ‘Cancer’ or ‘Weird Cells’: Which Sounds Deadlier? ow.ly/q8HHg #JACR #oncology

@ruthcarlosmd Cancer is a scary word - all over the world. #JACR

Thrilled you are the guest Facilitator #JACR I’m not familiar with what DCIS. Could you guys describe @pfanderson

@TirathPatelMD @ruthcarlosmd full disclosure requires use of CA as well as non-invasive b/c pts will find out anyway

@ruthcarlosmd Whichever "terminology" is easiest for the #patient to grasp the concept, understand the implications. #Jacr

@nursefriendly @ruthcarlosmd Bless you :) #jacr

But is "cancer" scary because we are not communicating the whole situation well enough as physicians? #jacr

T1: welcome! @TirathPatelMD Good point about full patient understanding, but does the name prevent or help this? #jacr

@PracticalWisdom DCIS = Ductal Carcinome In Situ, a.k.a breast cancer stage 0 #jacr

@TirathPatelMD @ruthcarlosmd #jacr full disclosure requires use of CA as well as non-invasive b/c pts will find out anyway

Here's the NIH consensus conference statement on DCIS from 2010: ow.ly/q8I2L #JACR
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@pfanderson

Why rename: Redefining Cancer To Reduce Unnecessary Treatment
npr.org/blogs/health/2... #jacr

Lisa Fields
@PracticalWisdom

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@ruthcarlosmd

T1: Lisa DCIS=ductal carcinoma in situ. Non-invasive Stage 0 cancer with HIGH high rates of CURE. @PracticalWisdom @pfanderson #jac

Bruce Hillman
@bjh41647

#jac its the extraordinary sensitivity of modern imaging that poses the problem; we need to focus on the aggressiveness of what we detect

Dana Smetherman
@SmethermanDana

I am worried that if we don't call in carcinoma, pts may not take it seriously enough and make less than optimal treatment decisionss #jac

Ruth Carlos
@ruthcarlosmd

T1: thanks for that. Noticed that renaming DCIS to decrease anxiety was considered. what work is going on in this area? @jrgralow #jacr

Lisa Fields
@PracticalWisdom

if we want to educate folks today could we explain first what DCIS is? session for Clinicians only? @pfanderson #JACR @ruthcarlosmd

Julie Gralow
@jrgralow

@ruthcarlosmd Most of my DCIS pts understand distinction, others don't. Problem—we don't know how to sort out good-actors from bad! #JACR

P. F. Anderson
@pfanderson

The research behind the convo: Overdiagnosis and Overtreatment in Cancer An Opportunity for Improvement
jama.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?a... #jacr #dcis

Ruth Carlos
@ruthcarlosmd

T1: Good point. Combining appropriate information with what is optimal for the patient is a tough balancing act. @SmethermanDana #jacr
@pfanderson do u support renaming or not & why? BandAid vs necessary change? #jacr

I am worried that if we don’t call in carcinoma, pts may not take it seriously enough and make less than optimal treatment decisions #jacr

@pfanderson @ruthcarlosmd You’re too #modest Patricia, I have that problem too at times :) #jacr

@SmethermanDana #Cancer is scary because for the longest time, it was regarded as a #DeathSentence, and still carries that stigma. #jacr

@dleerad LOL! I’m going to straddle the middle. Risks and benefits of both sides. Personally, not sure renaming is right solution, but #jacr
Jonathan Breslau, MD
@jonathanbreslau
@pfanderson @TirathPatelMD @ruthcarlosmd #jacr until def of CA changes can't hide truth, using Stage 0 good idea #cancer

P. F. Anderson
@pfanderson
@dleerad ...but renaming, even as bandaid, might help in short term, IF underlying #healthlit issue addressed STRONGLY in meantime #jacr

Julie Gralow
@jrgralow
@bjh41647 Problem is, grade isn't the whole answer - even 20% of low grade may progress (albeit maybe more slowly). #JACR

Ruth Carlos
@ruthcarlosmd
T1: YES! and communicating this uncertainty about the disease course is an issue. Some patients handle this much better. @jrgralow #jacr

P. F. Anderson
@pfanderson
Other convos on this: The Weight of a Word: ASCO Members Discuss "Cancer" Name-Change Debate connection.asco.org/Magazine/Artic... #jacr

Julie Gralow
@jrgralow

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I like M Baum's analogy: cancers are like sharks. Some man-eaters, some baskers, and can't always tell by looks. #JACR

Jonathan Breslau, MD
@jonathanbreslau

@jrgralow @bjb41647 #jacr that is exactly why we can't hide use of #cancer term for now

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P. F. Anderson
@pfanderson

@SmethermanDana How does that connect to "overtreatment" argument? Curious #jacr

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Ruth Carlos
@ruthcarlosmd

@nursefriendly What do you think about the controversy? #jacr

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Andrew Lopez, RN
@nursefriendly

@ruthcarlosmd @SmethermanDana When in doubt, over educate, give handouts, reference material written in #Plainspeak. #jacr #healthliteracy

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P. F. Anderson
@pfanderson

@nursefriendly @SmethermanDana So perhaps strategy is to reframe whole concept of "cancer" as chronic disease, not reframe DCIS #jacr

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Dana Smetherman
@SmethermanDana

@pfanderson #jacr - which comment are you asking about?

Julie Gralow
@jrgralow

T1: Low DCIS and LCIS have similarities to cervical CIN and colon adenomas, evolve slowly - BUT not true for high grade DCIS! #JACR

Bruce Hillman
@bjh41647

@jrgralow #jacr I prefer Bill Black's coast of Maine metaphor; how and how close you look changes definition of diease

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@RadiologyACR

T2: Should DCIS be renamed to remove the reference to "cancer"? #JACR

Andrew Lopez, RN
@nursefriendly

@ruthcarlosmd Controversy over proposed name change? Leave name as is, focus on #healthliteracy & #plainspeak to enhance pt education #jacr

P. F. Anderson
@pfanderson

@SmethermanDana "pts may not take it seriously enough" How does that balance with the overtreatment concerns? #jacr
@pfanderson Clearly have overtreatment in older pts & those w/ major health issues - but shouldn't be doing mammo in them anyway! #JACR

@bjh41647 Agree. In MSK have renamed well differentiated lipoma-like liposarcoma 2 atypical lipoma per clinical behavior (led by path) #jacr

@ruthcarlosmd It is concerning enough that newspapers are written below full highschool grade levels to match the general population. #jacr

#jacr there must be a literature on the relationship between a name change and patient perceptions

@jonathanbreslau @SmethermanDana And the need to respect patient decisions even when they appear suboptimal. Inform + Respect #jacr
Julie Gralow  
@jrgralow

@pfanderson Clearly have overtreatment in older pts & those w/ major health issues - but shouldn't be doing mammo in them anyway! #JACR

Dana Smetherman  
@SmethermanDana

@pfanderson If a patient just hears 'weird cells“ might she opt for undertreatment or no treatment? What about compliance? #jacr

Ruth Carlos  
@ruthcarlosmd

Lively discussion on should we rename DCIS. How do we actually talk about it with patients and manage patient anxiety over stage 0 dz #jacr

Andrew Lopez, RN  
@nursefriendly

@ruthcarlosmd If we looked at large scale surveys, studies of #healthliteracy among the general population, would paint a sad picture. #jacr

Ruth Carlos  
@ruthcarlosmd

Time for T2: Should DCIS be renamed to remove the reference to "cancer"? #JACR
Cancer is mainly a scary name if you think it will lead to death. Vast majority of US women with early stage breast ca survive. #JACR

If a patient just hears 'weird cells'' might she opt for undertreatment or no treatment? What about compliance? #jacr

Plain language is core to resolving many healthcare controversies #jacr

T2: I'm open to further discussion on renaming DCIS, with major input from patients and public. #JACR

Plus media format encourages sound bites with little time for explanation of nuance. @nursefriendly #jacr
Names in use are confusing enough, without transitioning to a new one to minimize misconceptions. #jacr

That's the take home message people need to hear. Cancer, especially diagnosed early, is survivable & curable #jacr

It will also take a long time to delete the word cancer from the vocabulary, even if we stop using it today for DCIS. #jacr

Numeracy also a problem. How to talk about uncertainty when communicating small numbers like risk is misunderstood. @nursefriendly #jacr

I know doc Dx w/ early ThyCa, opted for no Tx. But she researched it FIRST, stats were equal Tx or NoTx same survival #jacr

Julie Gralow
@jrgralow

@OtisBrawley from @acsglobal says: We need 21st century definition of cancer instead of 19th century! #JACR ow.ly/q8KJr

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Bruce Hillman
@bjh41647

#jacr more important than name change is understanding that there is a range of aggressiveness and patient responses...many wont harm

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D Lee Bennett
@dleerad

@ruthcarlosmd To most pts does cancer=malignant outcome or does cancer=either malignant or benign outcome? #jacr

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Ruth Carlos
@ruthcarlosmd

Great thought re public engagement. How to solicit? Patient advocacy groups very active. More outreach to lay public? @jrgralow #jacr

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Andrew Lopez, RN
@nursefriendly

@pfanderson @ruthcarlosmd Yet we devote so little resources to developing and encouraging #healthliteracy in the general population :( #jacr

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@ruthcarlosmd @nursefriendly @UMRSC researched best understood ways to communicate risk, created tool to assist iconarray.com #jacr

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Julie Gralow
@jrgralow

@LarryNortonMD from @Sloan_Kettering says we don't have ways of knowing which DCIS aggressive & will progress. #JACR t.co/E7gf19EP2M

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Norleena Gullett
@NPGullettMD

#JACR I think Stage 0 is appropriate -but let's not forget that DCIS will come back as invasive cancer 50% of the time.

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@pfanderson

Scientists Seek to Rein In Diagnoses of Cancer t.co/87ndeRpdTD #dcis #cancer #jacr

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Andrew Lopez, RN  
@nursefriendly  

@ruthcarlosmd TV & Popular media re written to catch attention quickly to compensate for perceived "short attention spans" of public. #jacr

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Dana Smetherman  
@SmethermanDana  

We don't seem to have a problem telling pts they have LCIS (lobular carcinoma in situ). They understand tx options - including no tx. #jacr

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Julie Gralow  
@jrgralow  

@ruthcarlosmd Get #bcsm and other active social medial breast cancer groups involved! #JACR

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P. F. Anderson  
@pfanderson  

MT @apjonas @SmethermanDana Since there's no treatment 4 "weird cells", any treatment is over-treatment unless has a "weird" doctor. #jacr

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CancerGeek  
@CancerGeek  

Sorry for entering conversation late #JACR

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Jonathan Breslau, MD  
@jonathanbreslau  

@ruthcarlosmd @nursefriendly #jacr as long as you know this fact you can use it beneficially

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D Lee Bennett  
@dleerad  

@pfanderson  THX 4 sharing. I will take a look at this. #jacr  

Bruce Hillman  
@bjh41647  

@NPGullettMD  #jacr hence the need for innovative technology to determine aggressiveness  

Julie Gralow  
@jrgralow  

Major issue MT @nursefriendly: We devote so little resources to developing & encouraging #healthliteracy in the general population :(  #jacr  

Ruth Carlos  
@ruthcarlosmd  

@angiefagerlin does good work in this area #CBSSM @pfanderson @nursefriendly @UMRSC #jacr  

CancerGeek  
@CancerGeek  

Believe there needs to be a dialogue to explain that DCIS does not equal "cancer." #JACR  

@dleerad It's very useful! Especially for communicating with patients #jacr

Julie Gralow
@jrgralow

Great point MT @SmethermanDana: We don't seem to have a problem telling pts they have LCIS. Understand tx options - including no tx. #jacr

@jrgralow @nursefriendly And this is Health Literacy Month! healthliteracymonth.org #healthlit #healthlitmonth #jacr

Matt Hawkins
@MattHawkinsMD

#JACR -- joining late -- and lurking. Looks like an excellent discussion so far.

@CancerGeek OK, so what does the word "cancer" mean to you? Curious. #jacr
Bruce Hillman
@bjh41647

#jacr - the next ACRI trial? - head-to-head watchful waiting (how long?) vs. aggressive Rx

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CancerGeek
@CancerGeek

We need to use visuals, common language, & resources to explain what it means & doesn't mean. #JACR

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Julie Gralow
@jrgralow

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Andrew Lopez, RN
@nursefriendly

@pfanderson @jrgralow Yes, Patricia, and must also give the percentages of people who "Do Not" respond - #InformedConsent. #jacr

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Julie Gralow
@jrgralow

Concern: trend toward omitting surgery/XRT in DCIS & giving tamoxifen. 5 years of drug with real toxicity not necessarily more benign! #JACR

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CancerGeek
@CancerGeek

@pfanderson Prof: means a pathological or clinical diagnosis #JACR

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@pfanderson @CancerGeek #jacr not simply cells in hand but their biological potential to do harm

@CancerGeek I am curious too #jacr

@CancerGeek Agreed! Need variety of media to reach diff audiences, learning types #jacr

@RadiologyACR @pfanderson As a pt/family: cancer typically equates w time, life, and an emotional response. #JACR

@SmethermanDana Agree, when it has been in use and a source of #fear for generations, people will not forget the #stigma. #jacr

@bjh41647 #jacr JCO 2006 article from Dana Farber did try for DCIS (had to close early b/c recurrence rate too high.)

As professionals, we need to move from speaking as clinicians & begin a dialogue as providers to pts & families. #JACR

@CancerGeek @RadiologyACR Convo around idea that many cancers now = chronic disease, not a death sentence. Reduce fear via #healthlit #jacr

@CancerGeek @RadiologyACR Convo around idea that many cancers now = chronic disease, not a death sentence. Reduce fear via #healthlit #jacr

#JACR @ruthcarlosmd We educate each pt and review NASBP 17 & 24 showing 20% LRR with DCIS. Changing the name should not replace this.

@pfanderson @SmethermanDana As long as a #patient makes an #informed decision, whether we like it or not, must respect it. #jacr
@pfanderson @RadiologyACR Agree, it is moving in that direction, however the balance has not shifted....yet. #JACR

Matt Hawkins @MattHawkinsMD

@ruthcarlosmd Education is probably more important than changing the name. Changing the name doesn't change what it is. #JACR

Julie Gralow @jrgralow

NCI cancer definition: ow.ly/q8M6e #JACR

P. F. Anderson @pfanderson

@ruthcarlosmd @CancerGeek I remember when docs told me I might have #ovca. I freaked. Forgot how to do my own research. #jacr

P. F. Anderson @pfanderson

@ruthcarlosmd @CancerGeek But the doc who told me was freaked out, too. Other docs tried to minimize it later, my risk was low, but #jacr

CancerGeek @CancerGeek

How do we communicate info to patients that "cancer" is moving into the same category as obesity/diabetes? It's still emotional. #JACR

Andrew Lopez, RN
@nursefriendly
@ruthcarlosmd @jrgralow Much more engagement with #healthcare #savvy #patients #professionals #moderators :) #jacr

Dana Smetherman
@SmethermanDana
@MattHawkinsMD @ruthcarlosmd #jacr Yes! And more research to tell us which DCIS cases are aggressive.

P. F. Anderson
@pfanderson
@ruthcarlosmd @CancerGeek ...but I had latched onto the message the way it was communicated the first time I heard it "rly scary" #jacr

Ruth Carlos
@ruthcarlosmd
Sounds like doc needs some education on how to talk to patients! #JACR @pfanderson @CancerGeek

D Lee Bennett
@dleerad
@CancerGeek @RadiologyACR @pfanderson Nonmed friends I’ve asked, CANCER="tumor" >50% chance of killing u in the next couple of years. #JACR
As genetic panels go more robust, & we can Rx precision medicine, we can visually show a 1:1 to pts. Lots of work to do. #JACR

@ruthcarlosmd @CancerGeek Maybe part of issue is clinician communication skills + #healthlit resources? #jacr

@dleerad @RadiologyACR @pfanderson Exactly. Often clinicians forget the emotional side of a diagnosis. Cancer is emotional. #JACR

That is what we are discussing. "Cancer" evokes so many feelings in addition to actual prognosis. #JACR @CancerGeek

If we can tie imaging, pathology, genetic panels all in a story that is centered around a pt, their dx, & common language, we win. #JACR
@CancerGeek For most of world, cancer diagnosed late stage & most die. Only chromic in US because of access to screening, treatment! #JACR

@CancerGeek I love #pgen personalized genomics. So helpful. Building intense communities of advocates #jacr

Communication skills transcends our discussion but debate over renaming DCIS really hits home here. #JACR @MattHawkinsMD @pfanderson

@CancerGeek That is the take home tweet for the entire chat. Wish I could retweet many times. #jacr

@jrgralow Very true. This is why as clinicians it needs to be a dialogue. It's different per pt/per region/per diagnosis #JACR
As cancer is viewed as chronic disease, perspective will change. See #HIV #AIDS #jaCR @pfanderson @dleerad @CancerGeek @RadiologyACR

Need to avoid just saying "abnormal cells" because that can be confused with "atypia" #JACR

@ruthcarlosmd @pfanderson @dleerad @RadiologyACR But can WE change a world view on how they view cancer? #JACR

@PracticalWisdom Some background reading here: jama.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?a... #jacR

Yes, BIG job. My view, important 2 do, but needs 2 be done carefully & thoughtfully (multidisc) #JACR
Dana Smetherman @SmethermanDana
@ruthcarlosmd @pfanderson @dleerad @CancerGeek @RadiologyACR #jacr Very good comparison! This is probably on the right track.

P. F. Anderson @pfanderson
@ruthcarlosmd @dleerad @CancerGeek @RadiologyACR Excellent point! I remember when HIV/AIDS was a death sentence, but this has changed. #jacr

CancerGeek @CancerGeek
Today MD's work diligently to get all the info to get the right answer & treatment. Less focus on informing pts & in their language. #JACR

P. F. Anderson @pfanderson
@ruthcarlosmd @dleerad @CancerGeek @RadiologyACR They changed the perspective of the disease w/o changing the name. Model for #dcis? #jacr

CancerGeek @CancerGeek
@dleerad @pfanderson @RadiologyACR I'm all about MDC. NCCCP has great tools to help implement this. Spent a year executing across US #JACR

@pfanderson @CancerGeek I AGREE. #JACR

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@pfanderson @ruthcarlosmd @dleerad @RadiologyACR It could definitely be a best practice. #JACR

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Big ideas change with small steps. Culture does change. Rads leave darkrm 4 social med #JACR @CancerGeek @pfanderson @dleerad @RadiologyACR

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@pfanderson @ruthcarlosmd @dleerad @CancerGeek @RadiologyACR #JACR prostate ca and some renal ca followed... Like chronic disease

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T3: How can providers better communicate the risks of DCIS and its treatment? #JACR #jacr

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Julie Gralow
@jrgralow
True, but atypia progresses to DCIS - a continuum MT @NateMargolisMD
Need to avoid "abnormal cells" because can be confused w/ "atypia" #JACR

P. F. Anderson
@pfanderson
Why the federal government wants to redefine cancer
forbes.com/sites/paulhsie... #jacr

D Lee Bennett
@dleerad
@CancerGeek @ruthcarlosmd @pfanderson @RadiologyACR My view, YES. Success = passion + persistence #JACR

P. F. Anderson
@pfanderson
Another perspective: New #BrCa site redefines #DCIS empowers women t.co/QbtiYcsneC #jacr

CancerGeek
@CancerGeek
T3: Providers could include pts in MDC conferences. Could give simple report w summaries from all disciplines. #JACR
Julie Gralow
@jrgralow

T3: Comparing lower grade DCIS to PAP changes and colon polyps may help put in perspective. Slow progression, close monitoring OK. #JACR

Cancer Geek
@Cancer Geek

T3: Make it something that is visual, something that explains the differences, try to avoid 'cancer' or reference, & support for f/u #JACR

P. F. Anderson
@pfanderson

@Cancer Geek Impt to also have tool for which types of questions go to which HCP on team. Pts lose heart when no answers 1st time #jacr

Dana Smetherman
@SmethermanDana

T3: Maybe lay the groundwork before the diagnosis is made. For breast imagers, eg., before core needle biopsy is performed. #jacr

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@CancerGeek Such great ideas! So glad you joined! #jacr

T2: We are creating a new clinic 4 DCIS (+ ADH, LCIS) called "Reduce Your Risk" clinic - trying to separate from main cancer clinic. #JACR

#jacr would be good to broaden the conversation beyond DCIS...include men through prostate CA...same arguments for many cancers

@jrgralow I like that idea and strategy very much. Doesn't need name change, but strategy / communication change #jacr

T3: Have a plan for following up, routine touches w patient, keep the dialogue ongoing, support in community for reducing risk prog's #JACR
CancerGeek
@CancerGeek
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T3: Need to go where pts are & speak in language that resonates & they trust. It can't just be them coming to us, but us to them. #JACR

CancerGeek
@CancerGeek
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T3: I also believe radiologist need to have dialogue w pts. Rads see all sorts of images, pics=louder than 1K words. Powerful. #JACR

Julie Gralow
@jrgralow
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Yep! RT @pfanderson: @bjh41647 Agree. This conversation is really about ALL early stage pre-cancerous / early cancer, not just DCIS #jacr

P. F. Anderson
@pfanderson
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@CancerGeek Need to also incorporate team that includes communicators, partner with psych and information specialists, librarians #jacr

Ruth Carlos
@ruthcarlosmd
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Where did the hour go? Time for last thoughts. #JACR

D Lee Bennett @dleerad

@CancerGeek Ortho Surg used 2 do this at my place about a decade ago (both CA & nonCA cases). It was empowering for both pts/hlthc team #JACR

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CancerGeek @CancerGeek

@pfanderson Definitely. MDC=more than just physicians, its the entire care team. They all need to all equally own the care of pts. #JACR

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P. F. Anderson @pfanderson

@ruthcarlosmd @CancerGeek If invited. Don't want 2 invade private safe space. Some patients feel spied on when dr is in pt support grp #jacr

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Julie Gralow @jrgralow

Last thoughts: can't discourage women from getting screening with this controversy. Early detection does save lives! #JACR

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Dana Smetherman
@SmethermanDana

Communication is key! Otherwise, “weird cells” will become just as scary as cancer in a few years. #jacr

Julie Gralow
@jrgralow

Good point. RT @SmethermanDana: Communication is key! Otherwise, “weird cells” will become just as scary as cancer in a few years. #jacr

D Lee Bennett
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@CancerGeek I agree & not just about breast CA. #JACR

CancerGeek
@CancerGeek

@dleerad Definitely. #JACR

Nate Margolis
@NateMargolisMD

@ruthcarlosmd why no watchful waiting for DCIS? IMHO bc of upgrade rate to IDC and lower morbidity relative to radical prostatectomy #JACR

P. F. Anderson
@pfanderson

Final thoughts: Focus on information & communication to support diagnosis & treatment plan. All part of process of informed consent #jacr

Bruce Hillman  
@bjh41647

#jacr thanks, as always for joining jacr tweet chat; special thanks to Ruthor moderating

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And don’t forget the 11/7 webinar by #JACR editor in chief @bjh41647: Why Teaching and Research Matter bit.ly/1d2fuJC

Julie Gralow  
@jrgralow

Thanks for a great conversation on an important topic! #JACR

P. F. Anderson  
@pfanderson

@jrgralow @SmethermanDana That’s what I worry abt. Changing name only fools few people. Rest will figure it out, cd undermine trust #jacr

CancerGeek  
@CancerGeek

CT: We need to lead dialogue in a pt centric manner, on their terms in the medium they request. We all own it & need to execute as MDC #JACR

P. F. Anderson  
@pfanderson

@jrgralow Thank you for excellent thoughts, insights, perspectives. Much appreciated! #jacr
Thanks everyone. One of our best chats yet! #jacr

CancerGeek
@CancerGeek

CT2: Thank you for allowing me to be part of the dialogue. You are all amazing & I appreciate being able to join. #JACR

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Thanks everyone for a great discussion. Lots to think about! #jacr

Ruth Carlos
@ruthcarlosmd

Last thoughts: DCIS and cancer are chronic (in US) Focus on survivorship and integrate back to health- physical and mental wellbeing. #JACR

Julie Gralow
@jrgralow

Yes! RM @SmethermanDana: @jrgralow #jacr Separate clinic great idea with support groups, education, etc. tailored to high risk patients.

Dana Smetherman
@SmethermanDana

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to participate! #jacr
Definitely RT @NateMargolisMD: @jrgralow good point, need to do better explaining spectrum of atypia/DCIS/IDC to pts & public #JACR

Thank you to so many people who contributed their time and insights. @pfanderson @jrgralow @SmethermanDana very special guests. #JACR

@ruthcarlosmd @pfanderson @jrgralow @SmethermanDana Thank you for all of your amazing work. #JACR

@ruthcarlosmd @pfanderson @jrgralow @SmethermanDana THX 4 participating and/or moderating. I appreciate it. Take care. #JACR

Next chat is a LIVE EVENT at #RSNA. @DrGMcGinty special guest. Dec 4 12pm ET. Join us on line or at the @RadiologyACR booth in Chgo. #jacr
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“@RadiologyACR: Thanks everyone. One of our best chats yet! #jacr”

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I like M Baum's analogy: cancers are like sharks. Some man-eaters, some baskers, and can't always tell by looks. #JACR

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