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AYA HOPE: A Population-based Cohort Study of Adolescent and Young Adults with Cancer

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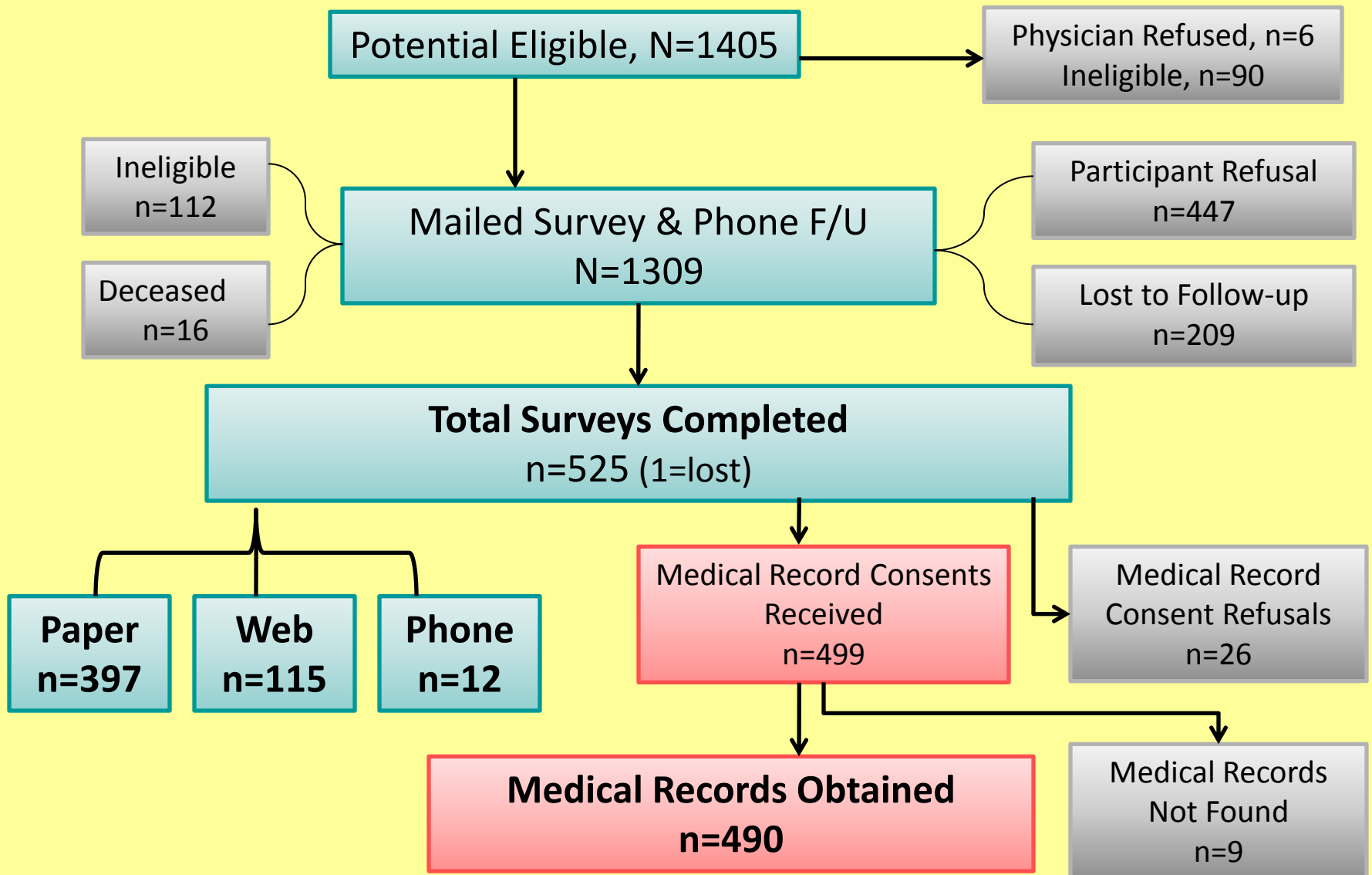
Study Objectives

- Feasibility study to obtain population-based data on:
 - **Patient/guardian consent**
 - **Medical records (hospitals and physician offices)**
 - **Patient survey (paper or web-based)**
- To address potential factors related to gaps in research, care, and outcomes for adolescent and young adult cancer patients
- Examines factors related to access to care, treatment and follow-up care, and the impact of cancer on physical and psychosocial functioning

Participants and Accrual

- 7 Surveillance Epidemiology and End Results (SEER) population-based cancer registries
- Eligible patients
 - Germ cell
 - ALL
 - HL
 - NHL
 - Sarcoma
- Diagnosed
 - Ages 15-39
 - Between July 1, 2007 - October 31, 2008
 - 6-14 months post-diagnosis
- Data collection August 2008 – October, 2009
- Follow-Up Survey 15-30 months post diagnosis

Recruitment

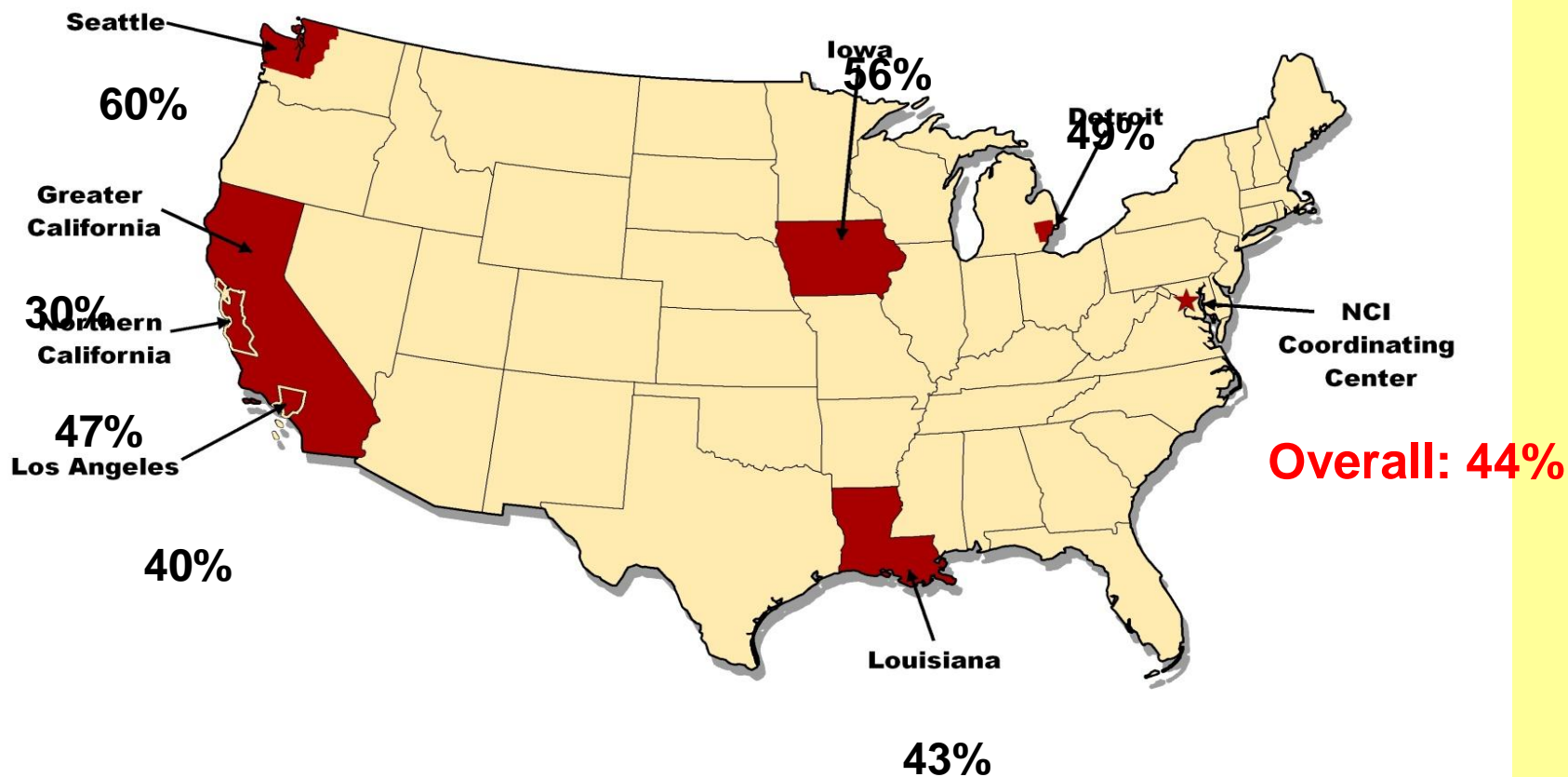


Final sample

- 524 cancer patients, with:
 - Germ cell (ovarian, testicular): **n=205**
 - Hodgkin lymphoma, **n=142**
 - Non-Hodgkin lymphoma, **n=131**
 - Acute lymphoblastic leukemia, **n=21**
 - Sarcoma (Ewing, osteosarcoma or rhabdomyosarcoma), **n=25**

Response Rates at Recruitment Sites

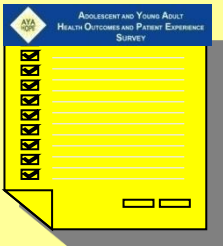
AYA HOPE SEER Registry Sites



Surveillance Epidemiology and End Results

providing information on cancer statistics to help reduce the burden of this disease on the U.S. population

Results Overview



Survey Data:

- Sample Characteristics**
- Insurance Status**
- Participation in Clinical Trials**
- Quality of Life**
- Impact of Cancer**
- Information, Service Needs**
- Open-Ended Responses**

Medical Record Data:

- Insurance Status**
- Participation in Trials**
- Treated under a Protocol**
- Specific therapy given**
- Comorbidities**
- Type of Healthcare Facilities**
- Physicians' Subspecialties**

Responders vs. Non-Responders

- Responders were more likely to be:
 - Non-Hispanic White
 - Female
- No differences by:
 - Age
 - Cancer site
 - Income
 - Education

Sample Characteristics

Age, Gender, Race, n=524

Age Group	
15-19	13%
20-24	18%
25-29	25%
30-34	22%
35-39	22%
Gender (Female)	37%
Race / Ethnicity	
White	63%
African American	8%
Asian/PI/AI/AN	10%
Hispanic	19%

Family & Education, n=524

Marital Status	
Single	52%
Married/Partnered	42%
Divorced/Separated	6%
Live Alone	9%
Raising Children <18	40%
Education	
HS or less	28%
Some College	36%
College Grad	25%
Graduate School	10%
Comorbidity	28%

Quality of Life

Short Form-12 Health Survey

Age Group	Overall Physical (PCS)				Overall Mental (MCS)			
	AYA HOPE		General US		AYA HOPE		General US	
	<i>Mean</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>SD</i>
18-24	49.7*	(10.2)	53.0	(9.2)	46.8	(11.0)	46.0	(12.8)
25-34	49.7*	(10.9)	53.3	(9.6)	44.9*	(12.3)	48.9	(12.3)
35-44	50.0	(9.2)	52.0	(8.1)	44.7*	(10.9)	48.8	(9.6)

Impact of Cancer On...

	Negative	None	Positive	N/A
Relationship with...				
... Mother	9%	24%	62%	5%
... Father	6%	28%	52%	14%
... Brothers, Sisters	5%	27%	61%	7%
... Spouse/partner, Boy/girlfriend	16%	12%	49%	22%
... Child/children	5%	12%	24%	58%
... Friends	12%	27%	57%	2%
Spirituality and religious beliefs	5%	33%	52%	10%
Plans for the future / goal setting	31%	20%	46%	3%

N/A = individuals could indicate "Does not apply"

Impact of Cancer On...

	Negative	None	Positive	N/A
Financial situation	62%	26%	7%	4%
Body Image	59%	28%	10%	2%
Sexual function / intimate relations	48%	33%	4%	14%
Control over your life	47%	22%	29%	1%
Plans for having children	44%	24%	5%	26%
Plans for work	36%	33%	25%	5%
Confidence in your ability to take care of your health	34%	25%	40%	1%
Plans for education	18%	46%	18%	17%
Dating	18%	20%	4%	56%
Plans for getting married	11%	24%	8%	56%

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Bellizzi et al., 2011

Unmet Information and Service Needs

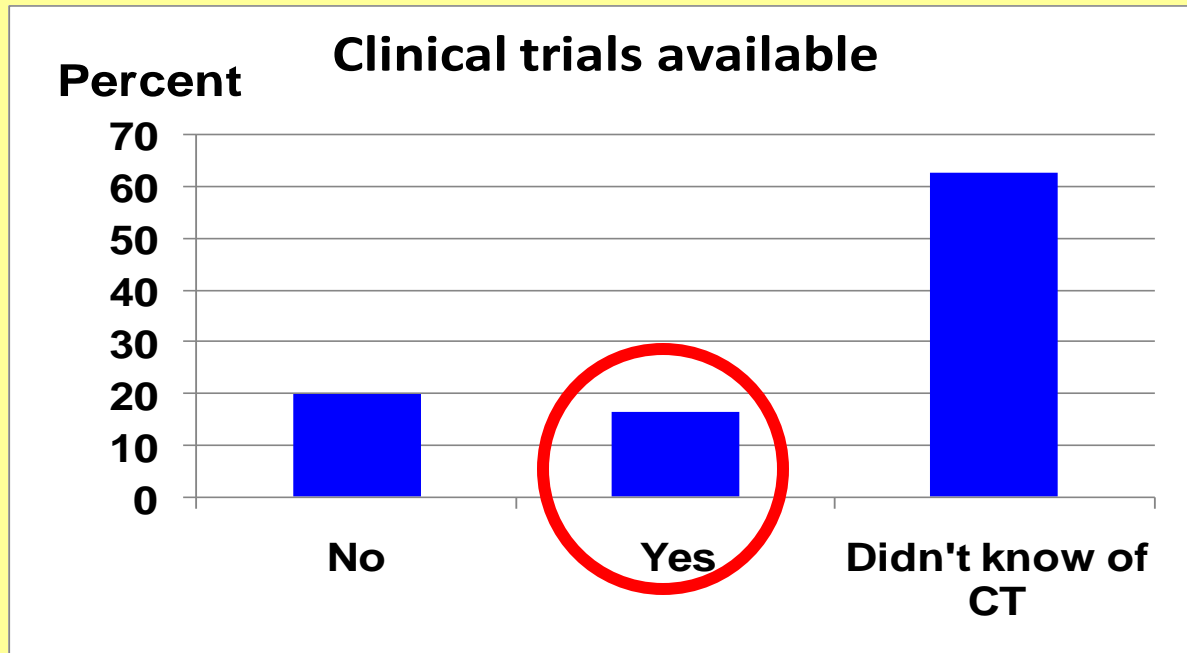
- 35% reported a need for a service that was not met
 - financial advice related to healthcare
 - mental health counselor
 - support group
 - Having any unmet service need was associated with worse HRQOL on multiple domains
 - Needing mental health services had the strongest associations with worse HRQOL outcomes
- >50% reported a unmet need for more information
 - non-white participants were more likely to report unmet information needs

Social Information Needs

- Talking about cancer
 - Hispanics
 - Quality of Care
 - Number of symptoms
 - Support services needed – not received
- Meeting peer survivors
 - Age 20-29
 - Number of symptoms
 - Support services needed – not received

Clinical Trial Participation

Overall 7% participated in a clinical trial



- Top Reason AYAs gave for not joining a trial: “Worried that you might get treatment that had not been sufficiently tested”

Hospital/Physician

- Type of Healthcare facility*
 - Cancer Center: **45%**
 - Community hospital: **36%**
 - Academic Institution: **25%**
 - NCI cancer center: **18%**
 - Pediatric hospital: **2%**
 - Unknown: **1%**
- Physician Sub-specialty*
 - Medical Hem/Onc: **76%**
 - Surgery, General: **47%**
 - Medical: **40%**
 - Radiation Oncology: **31%**
 - Peds Hem/Onc/Med: **5%**
 - Other/Unknown: **5%**
 - Surgery, Orthopedic: **4%**

*Categories are not mutually exclusive

Planned Analyses

- Initial treatment
- Clinical trials involvement
- AYA comorbidity
- Follow-up survey
 - Medical Care in AYA cancer survivors
 - Fertility preservation
 - Insurance in AYAs – health and life

Future Directions

- Research is needed to explore possible delays in diagnosis
- Better understanding of this population in long-term survivorship is needed
 - Specific needs related to access to medical records
 - Continuing/Follow-Up Care
 - ACA, Insurance coverage and financial problems

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