Implementation of a Treatment Summary in Survivors of Childhood Hodgkin Lymphoma

BACKGROUND
Survivors of childhood cancer require close monitoring for disease reoccurrence and late effects from their treatment. Survivors are often unaware of their cancer treatment history and risk for late effects. Individualized treatment summaries (TS) provide cancer survivors with guidance and education in regard to their treatment history, risk of developing late effects from therapy, and recommendations on post-cancer healthy living.

PURPOSE
Provide survivors of childhood Hodgkin lymphoma with an individualized treatment summary during a routine off-therapy visit.

INTERVENTIONS
Steps: Development of a customized TS template with the electronic medical record (EMR) to aide in provider ease of entering individualized patient information; Utilized customized TS template with patient-specific data for Hodgkin lymphoma survivors off therapy for at least one month; Providers delivered individualized TSs to eligible survivors during routine off-therapy evaluations to enhance guidance and education on late therapy effects and disease surveillance recommendations.

METHODOLOGY
The project applied Plan-Do-Study-Act method of quality improvement. The EMR was utilized to collect data on the number of completed TSs created for Hodgkin lymphoma survivors seen for an off therapy visit. Data collected included the role of the provider who was responsible for completing and distributing the TS.

RESULTS
TS utilization increased from zero to 95% at six months post-project implementation for a total of 22 TSs.

IMPLICATIONS
The TS template allowed providers to easily enter individualized patient information into the TS, providing the patient with a personalized tool to reference treatment history, potential therapy late effects therapy, and recommendations on post-cancer living healthy living.