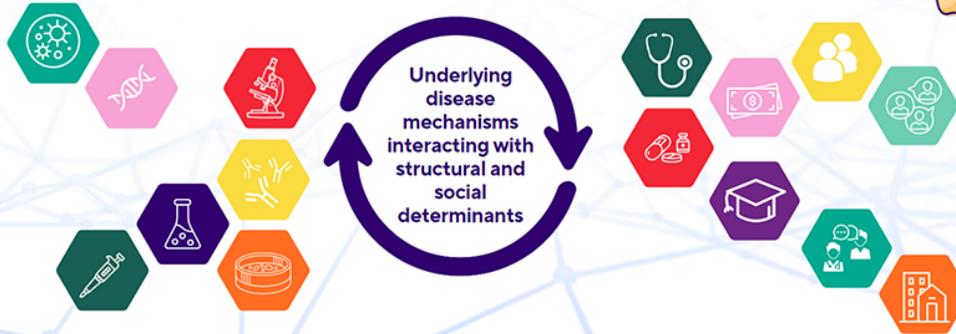




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Understanding the Experiences of Racially, Ethnically, Gender, and Sexually Diverse Adolescents and Young Adults with Cancer: A Qualitative Analysis

Background

Previous studies have shown that adolescents and young adults (AYAs, aged 18-39) with cancer have unique experiences and unmet needs, but lack representation from racially/ethnically diverse and/or 2SLGBTQIA+ communities.

Objective

Our objective was to explore the experiences of the AYAs with cancer belonging to racially/ethnically diverse and/or 2SLGBTQIA+ communities in the Canadian health cancer system and to understand how to improve their cancer experience.

Methods

Inclusion criteria for participants included those who self-identify as racially, ethnic, gender and/or sexually diverse, were diagnosed with cancer between the ages of 15 and 39, currently aged ≥ 18 , and are receiving or have received cancer care in Canada. The study also recruited AYA patient partners with lived experience of cancer meeting the inclusion criteria as research collaborators. A semi-structured interview guide was used for in-depth one-to-one interviews with participants. Transcribed interviews were analyzed using framework analysis.

Results

Five patient partners were recruited and engaged in each aspect of the study. Twenty-three eligible participants were interviewed. Study participants reported both positive and negative experiences with the healthcare system. The most common themes of positive experiences included the ability to identify with healthcare providers, good communication and information sharing whereas the prominent themes of negative experiences included judgemental behaviour and racialization by healthcare providers, needing to advocate for resources and barriers to care. Participants recommended increasing the diversity of healthcare providers, equity, diversity and inclusivity (EDI) training and enhanced communication to improve their cancer care experience.

Conclusion

Their unique identities largely shape the positive and negative experiences of AYAs with cancer belonging to racial/ethnic-diverse or 2SLGBTQIA+ groups in the Canadian healthcare system. These findings underscore the importance of cancer organizations incorporating principles of EDI at all levels of the organization to provide safe and inclusive care to patients.

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