

APPENDICES

Appendix 1. Comparison[†] of included and excluded participants[‡] on selected characteristics

Characteristic	No information/ Excluded (N=62)	Information/ Included (N=3573)
Respondent type*		
Proxy	18 (29%)	465 (13%)
Patient	44 (71%)	3108 (87%)
Patient age		
≤59 years	21 (34%)	1420 (40%)
60-69 years	14 (23%)	1112 (31%)
70-79 years	21 (34%)	825 (23%)
80+ years	6 (10%)	216 (6%)
Patient education*		
<High school	18 (29%)	676 (19%)
Some university	36 (58%)	2049 (57%)
University degree+	7 (11%)	833 (23%)
Missing	1 (2%)	15 (<1%)
Patient general health [§]		
Poor	7 (11%)	274 (8%)
Fair	12 (19%)	772 (22%)
Good	22 (36%)	1236 (35%)
Very good	10 (16%)	916 (26%)
Excellent	7 (11%)	358 (10%)
Missing	4 (7%)	17 (<1%)
Patient feels calm/peaceful ^{§*}		
None of the time	8 (13%)	104 (3%)
A little of the time	10 (16%)	456 (13%)
Some of the time	12 (19%)	927 (26%)
Most of the time	19 (31%)	1428 (40%)
All of the time	7 (11%)	648 (18%)
Missing	6 (10%)	10 (<1%)
Patient insurance status*		
Insured (non-Medicaid)	35 (57%)	2967 (83%)
Uninsured	7 (11%)	263 (7%)
Medicaid/low income insurance	14 (23%)	335 (9%)
Missing	6 (10%)	8 (<1%)
Language of survey		
English	59 (95%)	3396 (95%)
Spanish	3 (5%)	112 (3%)
Chinese	0 (0%)	65 (2%)
Cancer type		
Lung	29 (47%)	1726 (48%)
Colorectal	33 (53%)	1847 (52%)
Cancer stage		
Not advanced	38 (61%)	2287 (64%)
Advanced	19 (31%)	1109 (31%)
Unstaged	5 (8%)	177 (5%)
CanCORS study site		
5 integrated delivery systems	10 (16%)	462 (13%)
8 counties in Northern CA	11 (18%)	745 (21%)
State of Alabama	7 (11%)	487 (14%)
Los Angeles County	18 (29%)	747 (21%)
State of Iowa	8 (13%)	346 (10%)
23 counties in North Carolina	5 (8%)	383 (11%)
15 VA Medical Centers	3 (5%)	403 (11%)

Characteristic	No information/ Excluded (N=62)	Information/ Included (N=3573)
Patient race/ethnicity*		
White	32 (52%)	2358 (66%)
Latino	12 (19%)	296 (8%)
Black	12 (19%)	506 (14%)
Asian	2 (3%)	226 (6%)
Other	4 (7%)	187 (5%)
Patient chemotherapy treatment*		
Completed	54 (87%)	3470 (97%)
Ongoing/to start	8 (13%)	103 (3%)
Patient gender		
Male	32 (52%)	2073 (58%)
Female	30 (48%)	1500 (42%)

†Chi-square or Fisher's exact test used for all comparisons. All comparisons undertaken in R Studio (v1.1.383);

‡All participants considered for inclusion had either received or were scheduled for chemotherapy. Participants were included if they provided information on preferred and actual decision roles, and excluded if they lacked such information; §Self-reported if patient, proxy-reported if proxy; *Comparison was statistically significant at p<0.05