



EDITORIAL

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Hello Researcher, welcome to the May edition of *Prostate Insights*! Yes, it is a slight revision to the previous name, but nonetheless, we feel it is more descriptive of what this newsletter is all about. I hope you enjoy the articles in this edition and find them useful and informative.

Although there is something in this issue for men with all types of prostate cancer, the featured articles in this edition contain important information about seed implant radiation therapy and its effects. John Blasko, MD, is a world leader in the development and use of brachytherapy for prostate cancer. In his article about seed implants, he talks about a new study that examines the current state of brachytherapy and compares it with other forms of radiation therapy. Mark Scholz, MD, PCRI's Executive Director, presents new information from the most recent ASTRO (American Society for Radiation Oncology) meeting. Stanley Brosman, MD, discusses the side effects of both surgery and radiation, and how to manage them.

Thanks to your support, our recent 2015 Mid Year Update was a success! Over 200 patients and caregivers attended the half-day conference, and many of the attendees were able to interact directly with leading doctors in the prostate cancer field. In case you missed it, I will give a brief overview of the topics that were presented, and explain how to get a copy of the DVD so you can view it at home.

In our mid year appeal, we give you an overview of PCRI's programs to help you get acquainted with all the ways that we can serve and help you find the information you need. We also have a brief empowering story from our helpline. And finally, registration for the September conference is now open, and we have information about how to sign up at the end of this newsletter. I hope this issue helps you find answers and develop questions for your doctor that will lead you to a better understanding of your prostate cancer journey!