This project plans to support a national discussion and conference to look at evidence gaps to guide future research on the use of active surveillance to monitor low-risk prostate cancers. This approach will serve as another option to immediate treatment with surgery, radiation, or hormone therapy which all have difficult side effects.

We have had our Multistakeholder Advisory Board (MAB) Kickoff event, which went very well. Many of our MAB attended, and everyone is very excited about this project. As a team we are working on creating a survey to see the public’s areas of interest, as well as what topics they would like to see in research on Active Surveillance. As a board we have recently decided that the meeting will happen virtually over several days. We started planning the event and are still working on the project.

The community will benefit from this research by learning more about Active Surveillance and what are some of the hard decisions faced by men with low-risk prostate cancer.