

# #3104 ADULT SURVIVORS OF CHILDHOOD CANCER AND DECISION MAKING: A QUALITATIVE STUDY

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## INTRODUCTION

- Parents and caregivers are key drivers in childhood cancer survivors' (CCS) decision-making in the pediatric setting.
- As young adults, CCSs take increasing ownership over their healthcare.
- CCSs perspective on decision-making informs transition into the adult setting.
- This qualitative study explored decision-making during service implementation in the Adult Survivors of Childhood Cancer (ASCC) Clinic of a large, multi-site cancer care system.

## METHODS

- Purposive sampling and deductive analysis focused on the CCSs' voice.
- A survey included the Self-Management Skills scale with three statements:

- "I participate in making decisions about my health"

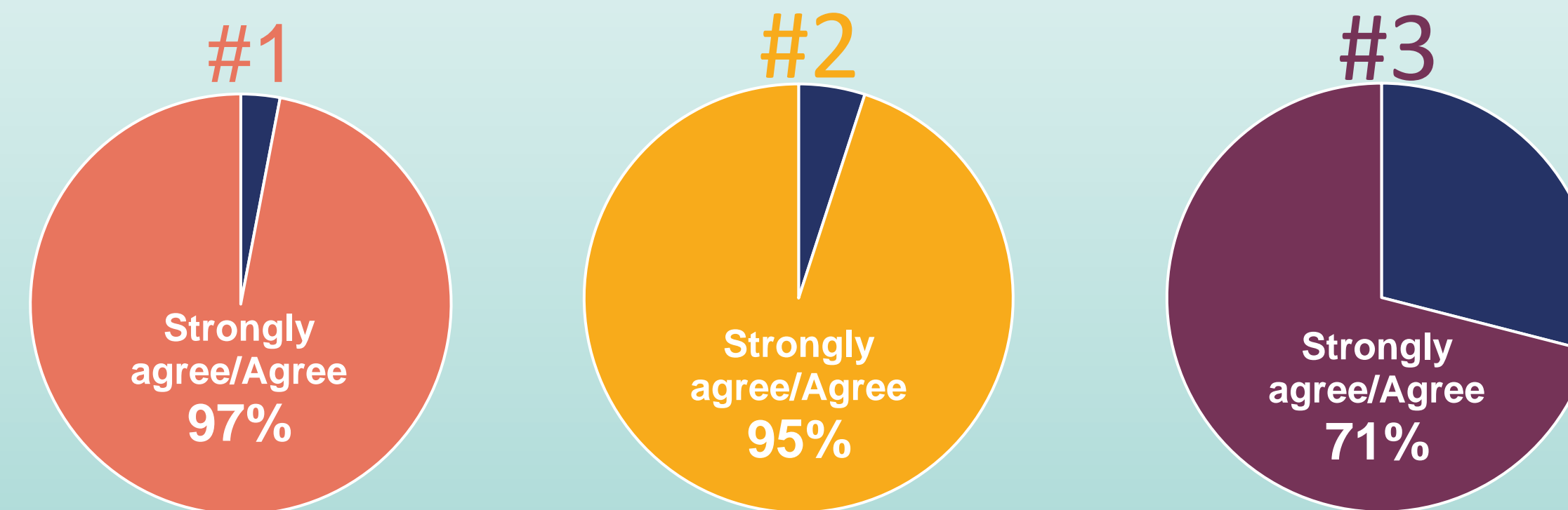
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- "I prefer it when a doctor speaks to me instead of my parent(s),"

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- "I prefer to see a doctor or nurse without my parent(s) with me."

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- Individuals were contacted for participation in the interview.
- Recordings were transcribed.
- The rapid analysis facilitated the timely dissemination of qualitative findings for ongoing implementation.

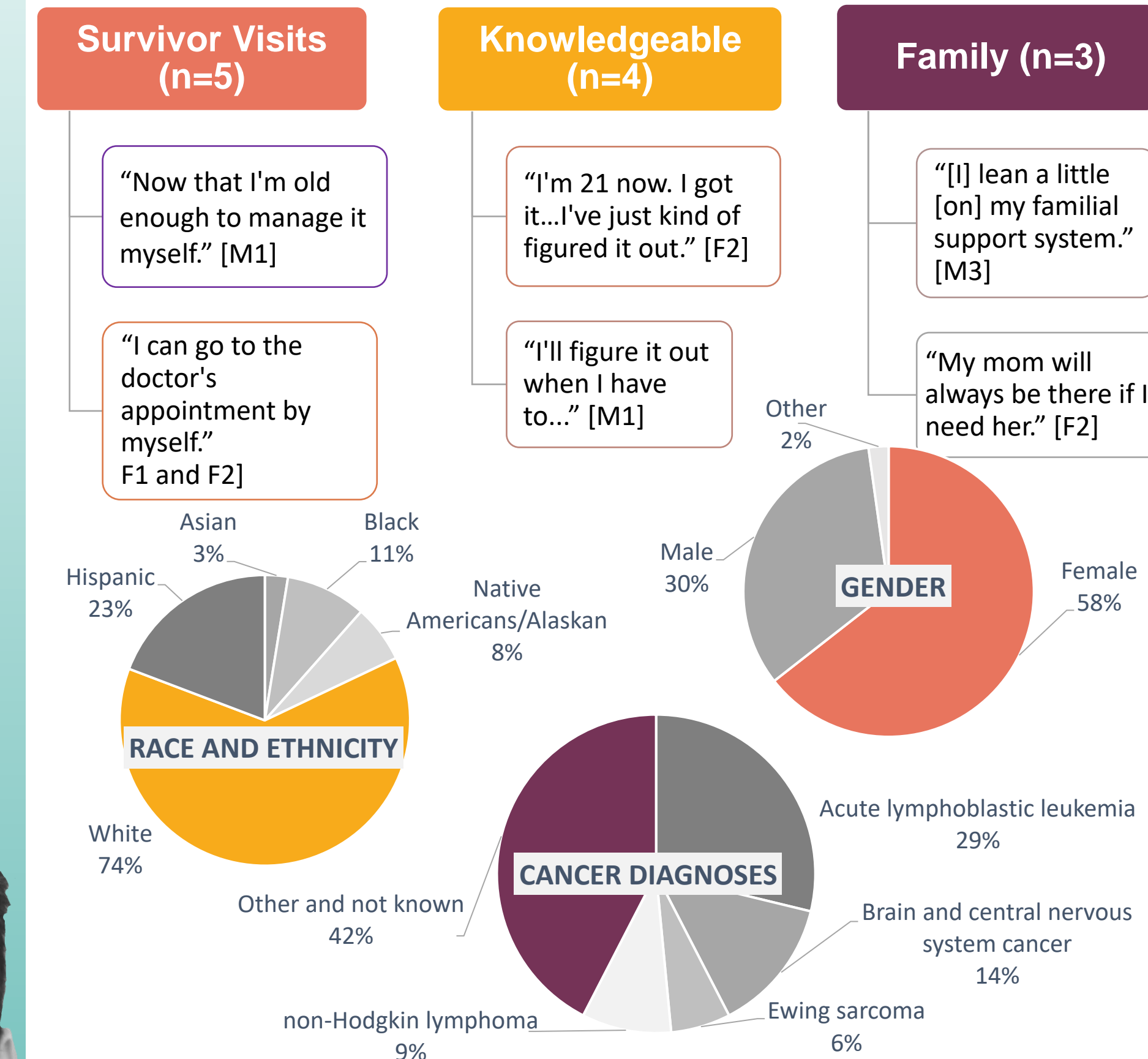
Childhood cancer survivors (CCSs) can make healthcare decisions, yet value family participation in decision making.



As CCSs age, providers should mindfully shift the visit focus from the caregiver to patient.

## RESULTS

- 66 CCSs (age range 15-38) completed the survey; 5 were interviewed (age range 18-23).
- The majority strongly agreed/agreed: (1) with decision-making participation (65 of 66, 97%), (2) that the doctor speaks to them directly (62 of 65, 95%), and (3) having visits without their parents (46 of 65, 71%).
- Interview rapid analysis themes and sample quotes:



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