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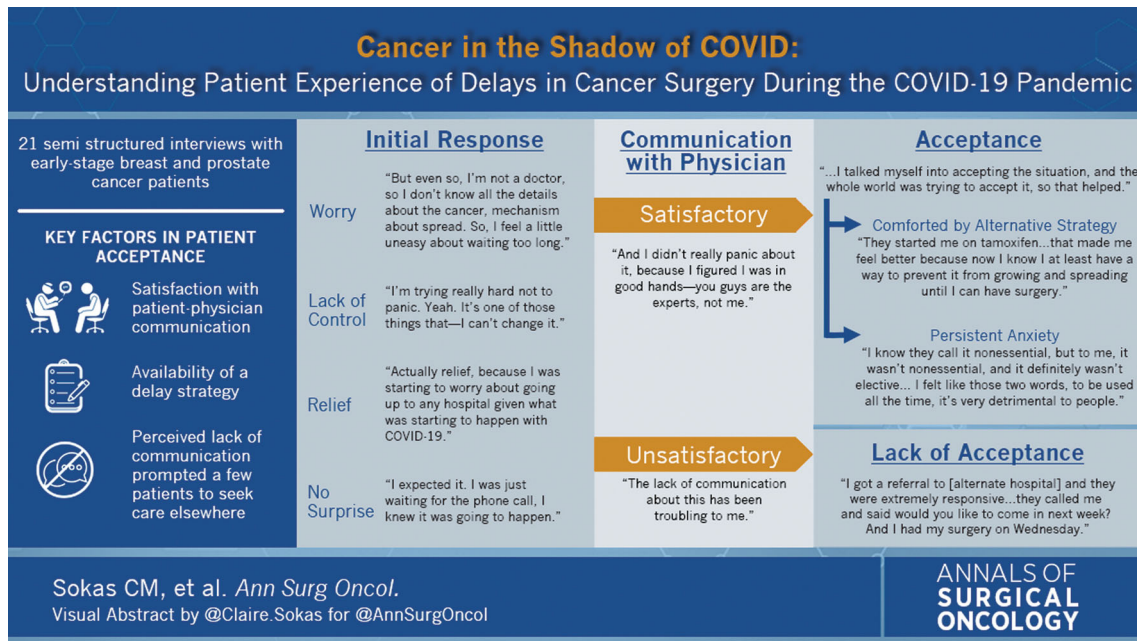
ASO Visual Abstract: Cancer in the Shadow of COVID: Early-Stage Breast and Prostate Cancer Patient Perspectives on Surgical Delays Due to COVID-19

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To understand the patient experience of delay in cancer surgery during the pandemic, we interviewed breast and prostate cancer patients whose surgeries were delayed because of the pandemic (<https://doi.org/10.1245/s10434-021-10319-0>). We found that most patients screened positive for distress due to cancer and COVID,

and satisfaction with patient–physician communication was a key factor in patients' acceptance of the situation. There is a need for increased training in high-quality communication skills via telehealth, and patients should be screened at multiple time points for distress.



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