

## Staff Spotlight



Dante Chao joined the ColoCare Team in July 2019. He graduated from Washington University in St. Louis in 2018 with a B.A. in Psychological and Brain Sciences and graduated from University of Chicago in 2019 with a M.A. in Social Sciences-Psychology Concentration. He enjoyed his time in St. Louis at Washington University, so wanted to come back to the city. He is happy to be working with ColoCare, gaining valuable healthcare and patient interaction experiences, while contributing to an effort to improve the treatment and health of colorectal cancer patients.

## WINTER GREETINGS

Warmest greetings of the season! Thank you for your continued participation in the ColoCare Study! Your ongoing engagement in the research will help us understand how treatments and other lifestyle factors influence outcomes, including recurrence, toxicity and quality of life for colorectal cancer survivors.

**Number of ColoCare participants in the greater St. Louis area: 169**  
**Non-Hispanic White Participants: 87**  
**African American Participants: 81**  
**Other Participants: 1**



*“It’s all about God.”*  
- Valerie



**Valerie**  
**Start Date: July 31, 2017**

### Why did you decide to join the ColoCare study?

*I thought – what a great idea – to take my experience and possibly help someone else.*

### What motivates you to continue participating in the ColoCare study?

*It's all about God and doing a service for him. If there is something found in my results that will help researchers improve treatment or make changes in someone else's regime to help them, I'm all for it.*

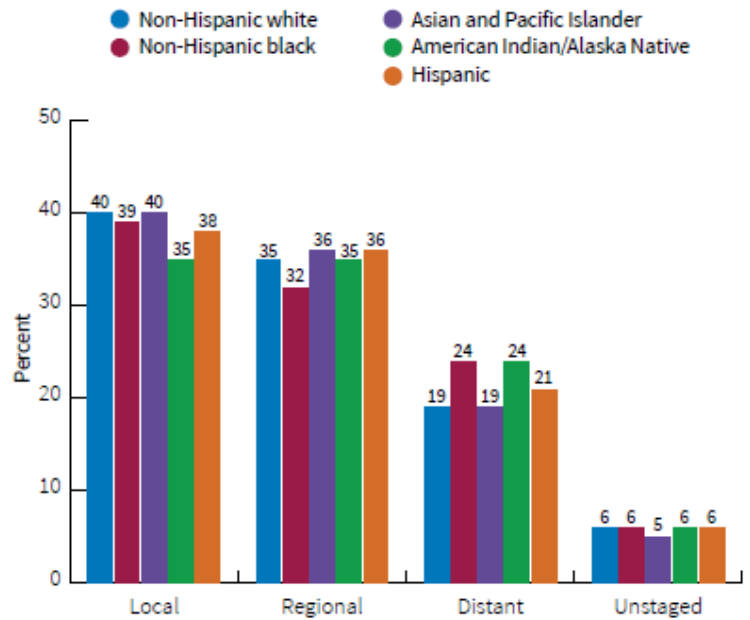
### What would you like other participants to know about your experience on the ColoCare study?

*Just grab a hold of the bigger picture and allow yourself to do it for others. Who knows, it could be a family member or a very close friend who may benefit from your participation.*

### What would you like other colorectal cancer patients to know about your experience during your care?

*That there is peace and HOPE on the other side of your cancer diagnosis. In today's times, we can count on the advances in medical treatment in relation to cancer. Stay positive even when doom and gloom knock on your door. If possible, don't answer but if you do answer, just pray and let God fight than battle for you.*

**Figure 8. Colorectal Cancer Stage Distribution (%) by Race/Ethnicity, US, 2006-2012**



Source: SEER Program, National Cancer Institute, 2016.

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