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The critical role of practiced based research has been articulated for at least a decade.<sup>1</sup> Now with intense societal and political interest in how best to control costs and improve quality in health-care, there is more need than ever to evaluate care in each of the myriad delivery models in the United States (US). Private practice, while decreasing each year as a percentage of all US health care delivery settings, remains a predominant modality and, yet, detailed evaluations of private practice care are often lacking. Thankfully this task has been made somewhat more feasible with the introduction of electronic health records, however it typically still remains cost prohibitive outside of funded evaluation efforts. To complete this work we built a novel partnership between academia and community practice, funded, in part, through an unrestricted grant from an industry partner. As the commenter points out, much work remains to be done to assess the adoption and

efficacy of new technologies being used in prostate cancer active surveillance, such as, multiparametric magnetic resonance imaging, targeted biopsy, and genetic sequencing. We have found practice-based research to be more feasible in the electronic health records era and hope to continue this work to contribute to the “real world” evidence on the use and value of new technology and innovative delivery models in this dynamic segment of healthcare.

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