



Information on Prostate Cancer



Cancer is a disease in which cells in the body grow out of control. When cancer starts in the prostate, it is called prostate cancer. The prostate is a small gland that is part of the reproductive system of people assigned male at birth, and some intersex people.¹



What are the symptoms of prostate cancer?²

The symptoms of prostate cancer are different for everyone, and some people don't experience symptoms at all. The following are common symptoms of prostate cancer:

- Difficulty starting urination.
- Weak or interrupted flow of urine.
- Frequent urination, especially at night.
- Difficulty emptying the bladder completely.
- Pain or burning during urination.
- Blood in the urine or semen.
- Pain in the back, hips, or pelvis that doesn't go away.
- Painful ejaculation.



How can I get screened for prostate cancer?³

- Talk to your healthcare provider about what testing is right for you. You can get screened for prostate cancer through a commonly used blood test called a prostate specific antigen (PSA) test. This test measures the level of PSA in the blood; a substance made by the prostate. The levels of PSA in the blood can be higher in people who have prostate cancer.
- Your healthcare provider can determine whether your PSA test results are normal and can determine if further action is needed to rule out prostate cancer.

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¹What is Prostate Cancer? Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website. Reviewed August 18, 2021. Accessed July 15, 2021. https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/prostate/basic_info/what-is-prostate-cancer.htm.

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