

PROSTATE CANCER

WE YOU TO THINK ABOUT MEN'S HEALTH

Prostate cancer is the most common non-skin cancer in men. Prostate cancer begins in the tissue of the prostate gland, which is the male sex gland responsible for the production of semen and is located just below the bladder.

DID YOU KNOW?

THE LIFETIME RISK FOR PROSTATE CANCER IN MEN IN SOUTH AFRICA, IS 1 IN 16.



SYMPTOMS

- PROSTATE CANCER OFTEN OCCURS WITHOUT ANY SYMPTOMS
- SYMPTOMS ARE MORE LIKELY IF ADVANCED:



STRAINING TO PASS URINE



LEAKING URINE



BLOODY URINE



BONE PAIN



RISK FACTORS FOR PROSTATE CANCER

 **AGE:** Age is the strongest risk factor for prostate cancer. Age 40 and older (rapidly increased after the age of 50).

 **FAMILY HISTORY:** Prostate cancer seems to run in some families, and scientists have found several inherited genes that seem to raise prostate cancer risk.

 **RACE/ETHNICITY:** Current evidence shows prostate cancer occurs more often in South African black men. In black men, prostate cancer is also said to be more aggressive or advanced. It is not clear why this is so.

 **DIET:** Men who eat a lot of red meat or high-fat dairy products appear to have a slightly higher risk of getting prostate cancer.

 **WEIGHT:** Obese men diagnosed with prostate cancer may be more likely to have advanced disease that is more difficult to treat - with specific reference to belly fat.

 **SUBSTANCE ABUSE:** High alcohol intake is a risk factor for prostate cancer.

 **SMOKING:** Use of tobacco products increases the risk of prostate cancer.



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COMMON REASONS WHY MEN SEEK TESTING FOR PROSTATE CANCER:

- As part of a general check-up, usually after age 50;
- A recent experience with a relative or friend;
- A family history of prostate cancer;
- A recent onset of urinary symptoms.

TREATMENT AND PROGNOSIS

The costs and effects of cancer treatment can be substantial. PPS offers a suite of products to help you with the necessary lifestyle adjustments.

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