



# Prostate Cancer SHOULD I GET SCREENED?

## Prostate Cancer

Cancer is a disease in which abnormal cells in the body grow out of control. When cancer starts in the prostate, it is called prostate cancer. The prostate is a walnut-sized organ located just below the bladder and in front of the rectum in men. It produces fluid that makes up a part of semen.



### Who gets prostate cancer?

Only men can get prostate cancer. Prostate cancer is the most common form of cancer among men. In 2006, about 203,000 men in the United States were told by doctors that they had prostate cancer, and more than 28,000 men died from this disease.<sup>1</sup>

### What raises a man's chance of getting prostate cancer?

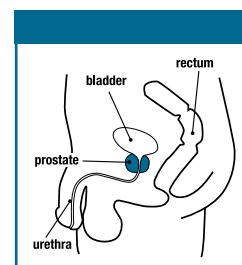
- Learn about prostate cancer
- Talk with your doctor
- Make the decision that's right for you

There is no way to know for sure if you will get prostate cancer. Men have a greater chance of getting prostate cancer if they are 50 years old or older, are African-American, or have a father, brother, or son who has had prostate cancer.

### What are the symptoms of prostate cancer?

Different men have different symptoms for prostate cancer. Some men do not have symptoms at all. Some possible symptoms of prostate cancer are—

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



**If you have any symptoms, you should see your doctor right away. Keep in mind that these symptoms may be caused by other health problems.**



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