



What is prostate cancer?

Cancer that forms in gland cells of the prostate gland, the organ that produces semen. It is usually a slow-growing cancer that may not have symptoms until it's advanced.

Is it common?

In 2008, an estimated 186,320 new cases were diagnosed and 28,660 deaths occurred in the U.S.

What causes it?

While the cause of prostate cancer is not known, family history of prostate cancer and age (chances increase after age 50) seem to be the highest risk factors.

The facts about prostate cancer

What are the symptoms?

Although you may feel healthy, abnormal changes in the prostate can develop without symptoms. Possible symptoms include problems with urinating or loss of bladder control, blood in the urine, impotence, and pain in the spine and pelvic area.

How is it detected?

A PSA blood test and digital rectal exam can detect prostate cancer early. However, only a biopsy can confirm the presence of cancer.

How is prostate cancer treated?

Watchful waiting, surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, cryosurgery and hormone therapy can be used. Five-year survival rates are 100% and 10-year survival rates are 91%.


How can I prevent prostate cancer?

Yearly prostate cancer screenings are the best way to detect prostate cancer early, when it's easiest to treat and cure. Ask your health care practitioner for screening advice.

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**For more information about
prostate cancer, talk to your
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