

PROMOTE SMART SCREENING

of African American Men



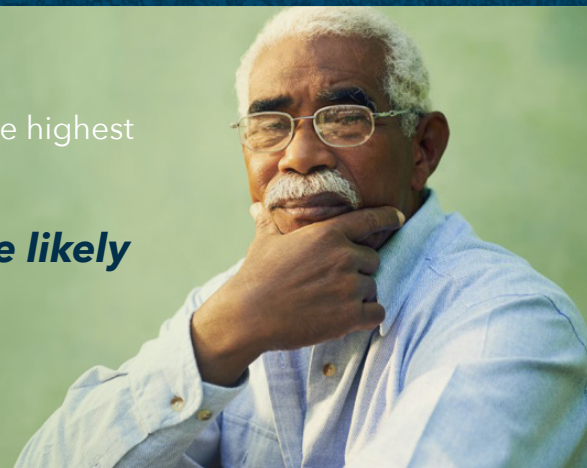
PROSTATE CANCER is the most common, non-skin malignancy (*life-threatening tumor*) found in men. In 2015 approximately 220,000 men were found to have prostate cancer. It is the second leading cause of cancer death in men.

1 in 6 African American men will get Prostate Cancer

1 in 23 African American men die from Prostate Cancer – the highest death rate of any ethnic/racial group.

In the St. Louis region, African American men are **2.3x more likely** to die from prostate cancer than any other racial group.

When prostate cancer is found early, **the survival rate is greater than 95%.**



If you are an African American male age 45 or older, visit your doctor and ask about **PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING OPTIONS.**

We promote **Smart Screening** and informed decision making. Knowledge is power!

Symptoms and Testing

- Most men with prostate cancer have no symptoms in the early stages of the disease.
- The best way to find prostate cancer is the Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA). PSA is produced by the prostate gland and is checked by a simple blood test.
- Although there is a lot of disagreement over the PSA blood test, use of PSA over the past 25 years has led to a better survival rate of African American men.

Screening May Save Your Life

The prostate cancer death rate continues to fall at a rate of 3.7 percent annually in African American men. **The improved survival rate directly correlates with the routine use of PSA over the past 25 years.**

All racial and ethnic groups have experienced a decrease in the death rate in the PSA era. Men who have localized disease have an excellent five-year survival, whereas men in whom the disease has spread to distant organs have a five-year survival of only 28%. The PSA blood test helps to detect prostate cancer before it has spread to distant organs.

**PROSTATE CANCER
COALITION**

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