



September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, also known as National Prostate Health Month, an annual campaign to raise awareness of the disease. The George Washington (GW) Cancer Center's **Prostate Cancer Awareness Month Social Media Toolkit**, newly updated for 2017, was designed to help stakeholders establish a Prostate Cancer Awareness Month social media strategy, manage social media accounts, implement Facebook and Twitter best practices, disseminate Prostate Cancer Awareness Month messaging and evaluate their social media efforts



Public health professionals, cancer control professionals, coalitions, community-based organizations and other stakeholders can use this toolkit and adapt its messaging for their unique audiences and areas of expertise.

To access the toolkit, click on this link:

[Prostate Cancer Awareness Month Social Media Toolkit](#)



Prostate Cancer Screening Draft Recommendations

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) has reviewed the evidence on PSA-based screening for prostate cancer and posted its draft recommendations for public comment. The public comment period has now closed. The final recommendation statement will be developed after careful consideration of the feedback received. The USPSTF does not have a date for the posting of final recommendation statement at this time.

To read the USPSTF draft guidelines, [click here](#).



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From the CDC: Prostate cancer is the most common non-skin cancer among American men. Prostate cancers usually grow slowly. Most men with prostate cancer are older than 65 years and do not die from the disease. Finding and treating prostate cancer before symptoms occur may not improve your health or help you live longer.

A prostate specific antigen (PSA) test may find prostate cancer at an earlier stage than if you don't get screened, but most medical groups don't recommend screening with the PSA test. Learn about prostate cancer and talk to your doctor before you decide to get tested or treated for prostate cancer.

For more information from the CDC on prostate cancer, [go to their website](#).

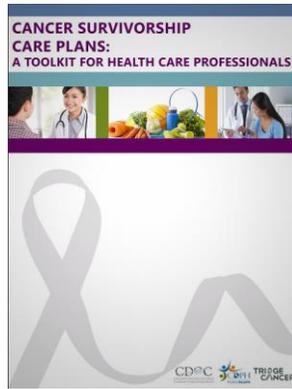
Featured Resources on CDC's website:

- [Screening for Prostate Cancer \(PDF\)](#) provides an overview of screening tests and treatment options.
- [Treating localized prostate cancer: A Review of the Research for Adults \(PDF\)](#) explains treatment options and common side effects.
- [Prostate Health Tip Sheet \(PDF\)](#) explains prostate cancer screening and provides a list of questions to ask your doctor.

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[California Cancer Facts & Figures 2017](#)



[Cancer Survivorship Care Plans: A Toolkit for Health Care Professionals](#)



[Tobacco Cessation in Cancer Prevention and Treatment: A Call to Action for California Cancer Centers](#)

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