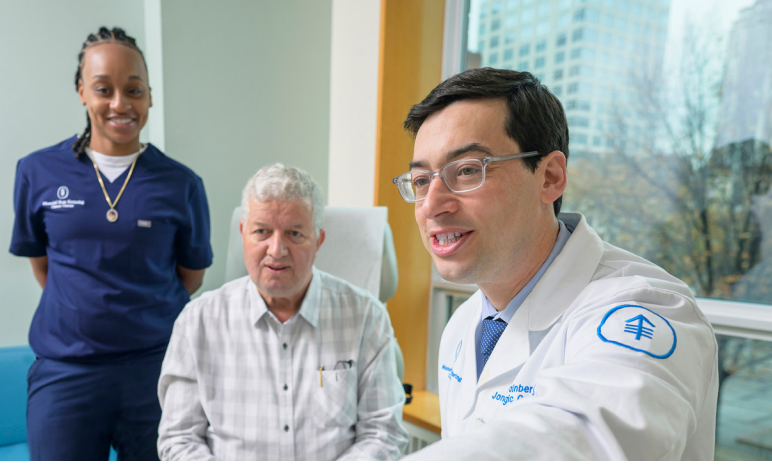
MSK Direct
Prostate Cancer



Prostate cancer, a common male cancer in the gland producing semen (prostate), often shows no early symptoms, highlighting the importance of screenings (like a PSA test) and risk awareness for better treatment outcomes.

Signs & Symptoms

When symptoms appear, they may include:

- Difficulty starting or stopping urination
- Weak or slow urine flow
- Frequent urination (especially at night)
- Pain or burning during urination
- Blood in urine or semen
- Erectile dysfunction

Non-cancerous conditions can cause these symptoms; consult a healthcare provider for evaluation.

When to Call a Doctor

Speak with a healthcare provider if:

- You are age 45+ and want to discuss screening
- You have a family history of cancer
- You have symptoms or urinary changes
- You want to learn about genetic testing

Who is at Risk?

Risk increases with:

- Age (risk rises significantly after age 50)
- Family history of prostate cancer
- African ancestry Diet and lifestyle
- Inherited genetic mutations (such as BRCA1 or BRCA2)

Genetic testing may be recommended if you:

- Have a family history of prostate, breast, ovarian, pancreatic, or colorectal cancer
- Have relatives diagnosed at a young age
- Have multiple family members with cancer

Take Action

Early detection starts with awareness, so listen to your body, know your family history and ask your doctor about genetic testing, and don't ignore symptoms that don't go away.

If you have been diagnosed with or suspect you have cancer, please don't wait. Call MSK Direct at **646-449-1515** or visit msk.org/mskdirectforyou to learn more.

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