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What symptoms of prostate cancer are you aware of?

Please list as many as you know.

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Having to/feeling like you have to urinate more frequently	13	13	0	5	6	11	20	18	19	15	10	14	12	16	11	15
Difficulty urinating	10	10	7	6	6	8	10	13	19	12	8	12	10	10	10	7
Blood in urine	6	6	0	5	3	6	6	11	9	7	5	6	5	9	6	6
Other	6	6	22	6	8	5	6	6	5	7	4	6	7	6	5	6
Blood in stool	3	3	10	2	3	4	3	4	1	3	3	1	3	3	3	7
Low urine flow / poor stream	3	3	0	0	1	2	4	7	4	3	2	1	3	3	3	2
Pain (unspecified)	3	3	7	3	3	4	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	4	4
Painful urination	2	2	0	2	1	2	1	2	3	3	1	5	1	1	2	2
Weight loss	1	1	10	2	1	2	1	1	0	2	1	2	2	0	1	2
Specifically mention 'at night' re: more frequent urination	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	4	2	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Enlarged prostate	1	1	0	1	0	1	2	2	2	2	0	1	2	1	1	2
Blood/Bleeding (unspecified)	1	1	13	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	0
Incontinence	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	3	3	2	1	2	1	0	2	0
Can't empty bladder	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	1	3	1	0	1	1
High PSA levels	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Back pain	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0
Loss of appetite	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Blood in semen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Bone pain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Needing to rush to the toilet	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Straining or taking a long time while peeing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Testicular pain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know	68	68	58	79	78	70	62	60	54	63	74	67	68	65	70	68
N/A	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	1	0	1	1	0	0

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Difficulty urinating	10	15	8	16
Blood in urine	6	11	5	10
Other	6	5	5	9
Blood in stool	3	2	4	4
Low urine flow / poor stream	3	6	3	3
Pain (unspecified)	3	2	4	3
Painful urination	2	2	2	3
Weight loss	1	1	1	3
Specifically mention 'at night' re: more frequent urination	1	2	2	2
Enlarged prostate	1	1	1	3
Blood/Bleeding (unspecified)	1	2	2	1
Incontinence	1	1	1	3
Can't empty bladder	1	0	2	1
High PSA levels	1	4	0	2
Back pain	1	0	1	2
Loss of appetite	0	1	1	0
Blood in semen	0	0	0	1
Bone pain	0	0	0	0
Needing to rush to the toilet	0	1	0	0
Straining or taking a long time while peeing	0	0	0	0
Testicular pain	0	0	0	0
Don't know	68	53	68	54
N/A	1	2	0	1

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Have you ever had a test for prostate cancer?

Yes I have	20	20	17	3	1	8	28	35	52	21	19	13	24	20	20	18
No I have not	80	80	83	97	99	92	72	65	48	79	81	87	76	80	80	82

How long ago was your most recent prostate cancer test?

[Asked to those who have had a test for prostate cancer; n=352]

In the last 6 months	19	18	59	0	0	23	18	24	16	19	18	19	20	19	16	19
In the last year	9	9	0	0	0	9	6	13	9	8	12	13	8	6	12	14
In the last 18 months	7	7	41	32	0	10	7	9	4	8	6	7	9	9	6	3
In the last 2 years	17	17	0	68	0	17	17	12	19	15	19	20	19	18	16	3
In the last 2 and a half years	6	6	0	0	0	6	10	4	5	4	8	0	6	6	8	4
In the last 3 years	6	6	0	0	0	4	5	6	8	8	3	8	6	8	3	10
In the last 5 years	16	16	0	0	0	15	18	17	16	18	14	9	16	12	21	22
In the last 10 years	11	11	0	0	55	4	9	9	14	14	8	7	10	16	10	12
Don't know/can't recall	8	8	0	0	45	11	9	6	8	6	11	17	6	6	8	13

How willing would you be to have a routine test for prostate cancer?

[Asked to those who have never had a test for prostate cancer; n=1104]

Very willing	33	33	50	19	26	34	37	43	51	35	30	30	33	38	29	34
Fairly willing	39	39	30	44	47	41	31	32	30	40	38	42	40	35	40	39
TOTAL WILLING	72	72	80	62	73	75	67	75	81	75	68	72	73	73	69	73
Not very willing	12	12	0	15	11	9	16	10	8	13	10	15	12	10	12	8
Not at all willing	6	6	20	10	4	6	4	7	10	3	10	2	5	7	8	9
TOTAL NOT WILLING	18	18	20	24	15	15	20	17	18	16	20	17	17	16	20	17
Don't know	10	10	0	13	12	10	13	8	1	9	12	11	10	11	11	9

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Have you ever had a test for prostate cancer?

Yes I have	20	38	17	31
No I have not	80	62	83	69

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In the last 6 months	19	26	3	23
In the last year	9	8	8	11
In the last 18 months	7	8	9	7
In the last 2 years	17	25	15	16
In the last 2 and a half years	6	6	6	5
In the last 3 years	6	7	7	5
In the last 5 years	16	4	26	16
In the last 10 years	11	8	13	12
Don't know/can't recall	8	6	13	5

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Very willing	33	48	31	43
Fairly willing	39	39	42	38
TOTAL WILLING	72	87	73	81
Not very willing	12	4	17	10
Not at all willing	6	5	6	3
TOTAL NOT WILLING	18	10	22	13
Don't know	10	3	5	6

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As far as you are aware, what is the typical test for prostate cancer?

A blood analysis test	9	9	15	4	5	8	11	14	13	9	8	9	9	10	9	6
A rectal exam (i.e. a doctor inserting their finger into the rectum to feel the prostate)	33	33	23	48	40	33	28	28	22	33	33	28	31	36	35	35
Both are typical	32	32	36	17	24	31	36	40	44	34	29	33	35	28	32	31
Neither are typical/Some other test is typical	2	2	10	5	1	2	1	1	4	2	2	0	2	2	3	4
Don't know	24	24	16	26	30	26	24	16	17	21	28	30	24	23	22	24

For each of the following, please say whether you think they are true or false. If you don't know, please choose the 'don't know' option.

Prostate cancer is more common among younger males than older males

TRUE	4	4	23	8	6	4	3	3	2	3	5	3	4	6	3	4
FALSE	64	64	55	56	60	65	67	70	68	70	56	68	63	62	66	65
Don't know	32	32	22	36	34	31	30	27	30	26	38	29	33	32	31	31

A healthy diet can reduce your risk of getting prostate cancer

TRUE	59	59	48	63	65	63	61	57	45	64	54	59	58	63	59	58
FALSE	8	8	10	3	5	6	8	9	15	7	8	6	7	11	8	3
Don't know	33	33	42	33	30	31	31	34	40	29	38	35	35	27	33	39

The NHS asks males to come in for prostate cancer tests once they reach a certain age, like it does for females and breast cancer

TRUE	36	36	57	60	59	42	25	18	10	37	36	41	31	39	36	41
FALSE	30	30	34	10	8	19	32	54	62	33	25	24	32	28	30	35
Don't know	34	34	9	30	34	39	43	28	28	30	39	35	37	33	34	24

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A rectal exam (i.e. a doctor inserting their finger into the rectum to feel the prostate)	33	0	100	0
Both are typical	32	0	0	100
Neither are typical/Some other test is typical	2	0	0	0
Don't know	24	0	0	0

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TRUE	4	8	4	4
FALSE	64	71	70	77
Don't know	32	22	26	19

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Vulnerability to prostate cancer is genetic i.e. you are more like to get prostate cancer if other members of your family got prostate cancer

TRUE	35	35	17	41	35	38	33	29	32	37	31	43	36	34	31	31
FALSE	14	14	11	8	11	11	12	25	16	14	14	11	12	17	16	12
Don't know	52	51	72	51	54	51	56	46	52	49	54	46	53	49	53	57

Prostate cancer requires immediate treatment once discovered

TRUE	66	66	71	55	65	70	66	65	70	65	67	62	64	71	65	67
FALSE	11	11	17	4	7	9	11	19	15	13	8	12	12	9	10	11
Don't know	23	24	12	41	28	21	22	16	15	22	26	26	24	20	25	22

It is not uncommon for males to involuntarily ejaculate during a physical rectal exam of the prostate

TRUE	18	18	4	17	22	21	17	16	16	19	18	22	14	19	20	22
FALSE	22	22	7	18	20	22	23	22	25	26	16	24	25	23	18	17
Don't know	60	59	89	64	58	57	60	62	59	55	66	54	61	58	62	61

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among males

TRUE	54	54	47	45	49	56	52	58	61	56	51	53	54	56	53	51
FALSE	8	8	5	5	9	8	7	9	9	9	6	8	8	6	8	8
Don't know	39	39	48	50	42	36	41	33	30	35	43	39	38	38	40	41

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FALSE	14	19	16	15
Don't know	52	45	51	38

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FALSE	11	21	8	16
Don't know	23	14	20	13

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FALSE	22	26	26	26
Don't know	60	57	55	50

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FALSE	8	8	7	9
Don't know	39	32	35	24