

PROSTATE CANCER

THINK A-G

Supporting earlier & faster cancer diagnosis

FAST FACTS

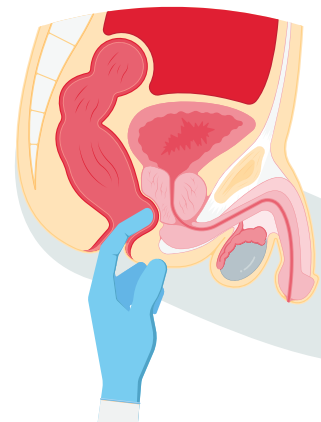


BAME GROUPS

The incidence of prostate cancer is higher in black males. 1 in 4 black men will get prostate cancer and they have a worse prognosis.

DIGITAL RECTAL EXAMINATION

If the prostate feels irregular or craggy on examination refer on a suspected cancer pathway regardless of the PSA result.



GREATER MANCHESTER REFERRAL PROFORMA

- Please refer all patients using the Greater Manchester form
- Ensure the patient understands the reason for referral
- Include frailty information as this helps direct patients to the most appropriate investigation or assessment

REFERRAL PROCESS FOR GREATER MCR

- GM referral form
- DRE
- MRI scan
- Biopsy (if appropriate)

AGE-SPECIFIC PSA

If the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) level is above the age specific range, refer urgently using a suspected cancer referral form for an appointment in two weeks. Clinical judgement should be used to manage symptomatic men and those aged under 50 who are considered to have a higher risk or prostate cancer.



CONSIDER RED FLAG SYMPTOMS

Symptoms of metastatic disease include: sudden onset urinary incontinence, faecal incontinence and loss of power in the lower limbs. These are an emergency presentation and can indicate metastatic spinal cord compression and require immediate admission to hospital.

EXCLUDE URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS

Urinary tract infections can falsely elevate a patient's PSA level. If a PSA level is marginally elevated then recheck 6 weeks after treating the UTI before referring.



FAMILY HISTORY

Family history of prostate, breast cancer or ovarian cancer increases risk of prostate cancer. It is important to ask about family history when assessing prostatic symptoms or considering a PSA test.

