

# Prostate Cancer Update 2022

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**Continuity on the cancer front**

Nikhil Vasdev is the Trust's lead consultant for cancer services. The arrival of Covid gave him extra challenges, but his expertise, combined with energetic teamwork, has helped staff and patients allow cancer care to continue.

'A major question, when the pandemic hit, was whether cancer treatment should continue as before. My recommendation, which our Trust executive team kindly supported, was to carry on. We had patients in the system and newer patients with cancer diagnosis coming through. We were keen to continue with all types of cancer treatment. The aim was to ensure that no treatment was compromised.'

'Some cancer centres had paused treatment but we agreed as a team to continue for our patients in a safe manner, while carefully monitoring the national and international situation evolving with Covid. We set up a strategy team. As the lead consultant for the cancer Covid response in the Trust, I urged us to press on. This judgement was vindicated. We were the only hospital in the region to succeed in this way.'

'In March last year we decided to look at all cancer patients and prioritise the most urgent. We converted new referrals coming into the Trust into virtual consultations to allow diagnostic work to continue.'

'At Lister we created "green sites," which were Covid-free admission areas, theatres and wards. The urgency was such that I came in with the robotic surgical team at 6.30am on a Sunday morning, to move the robot equipment. We completed the move by 8pm that night. This would enable continuation of keyhole surgery. Normally that sort of equipment relocation would be done by hospital staff but by external engineering staff, but at that time, because of Covid fears, they were not allowed into hospitals.'

**Nikhil's authoritative reassurance to patients has spread far beyond Hertfordshire. His prowess in robotic surgery was featured in the local newspaper, The Comet, under this headline:**

**Stevenage dad cancer-free after 27 tumours removed urges others to act on health concerns**

A few days before Nikhil was interviewed for this book, he addressed an international meeting organised by the North American Robotic Urology Association in the United States. His subject was the protocol he and his team had developed at the Trust to allow safety of patients and staff during robotic surgery.

'With cancer patients,' he says, 'we have achieved more targets than anyone had a right to expect. We have had almost 100 per cent success in converting patients from reluctance to come into hospital. In the face of so many variables, our Trust executives have supported us all the way.'

'I think this book is a great initiative. It's like a wartime archive. One cabinet minister who I spoke with, during the peak of the pandemic, told us dealing with the pandemic was like waging a war. I agree. We're winning.'

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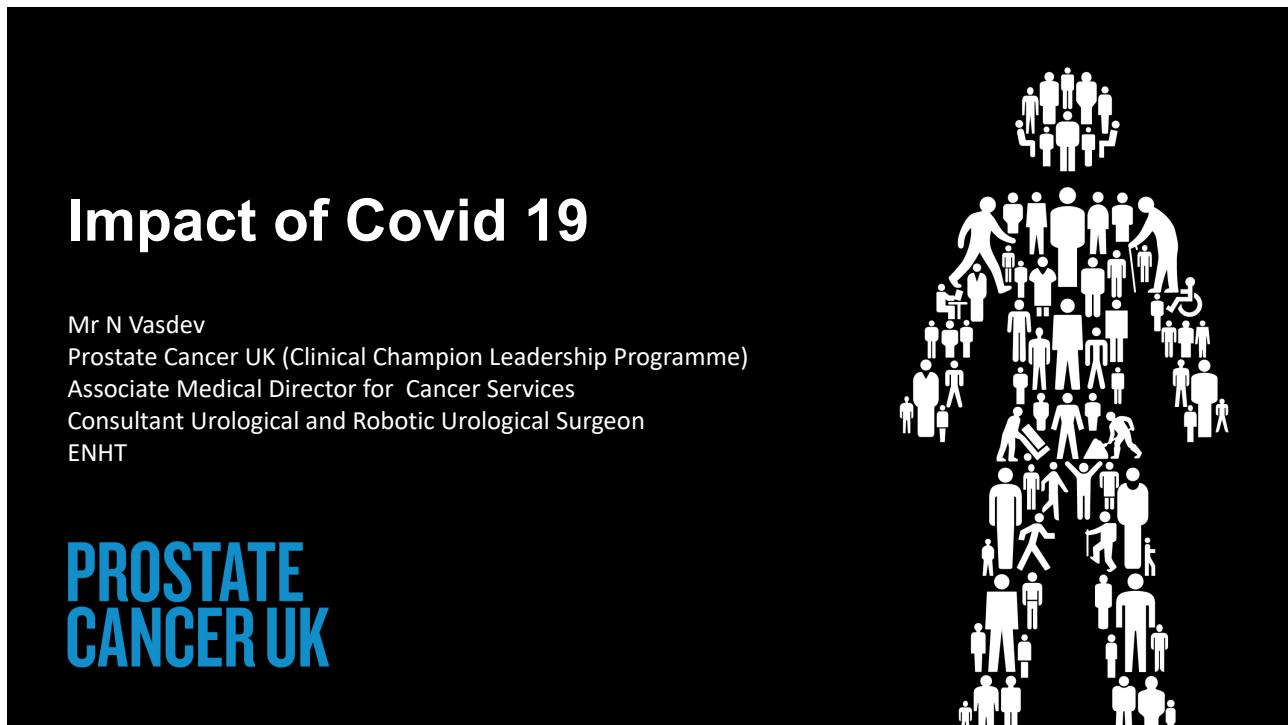
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## Current Concerns expressed by cancer patients awaiting treatment

- Current planned treatment for cancer being deferred
- Risk of being exposed to COVID-19 when attending cancer treatment in hospital
- Risk of cancer progression if treatment delayed
- Increase risk of cancer related mortality if treatment significantly delayed



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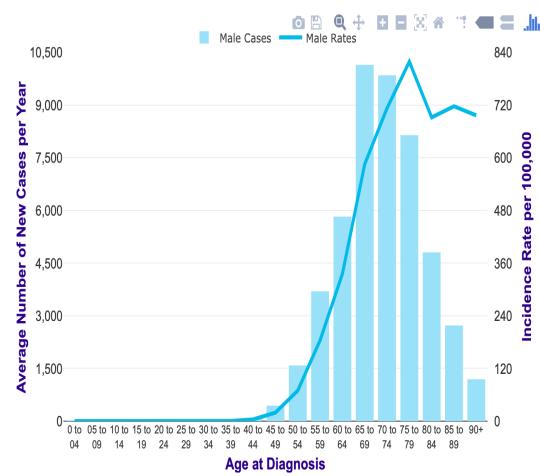


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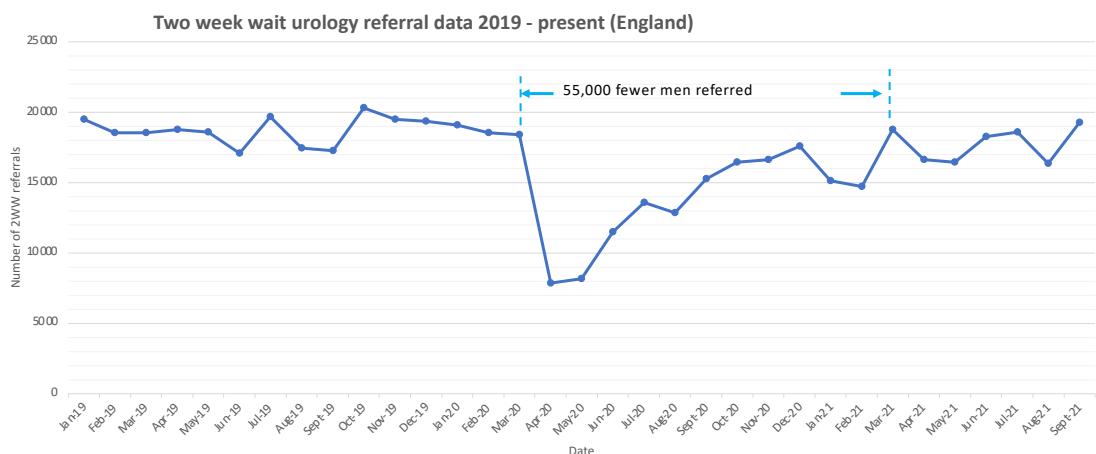
## Introduction

- Prostate Cancer is now the commonest cancer in the UK
- Around 47,000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer each year and approximately 11,000 will die each year as a result of the disease
- Prostate cancer accounts for 26% of all new cancer cases in males in the UK
- Peak age increase in diagnosis between 74-79 years



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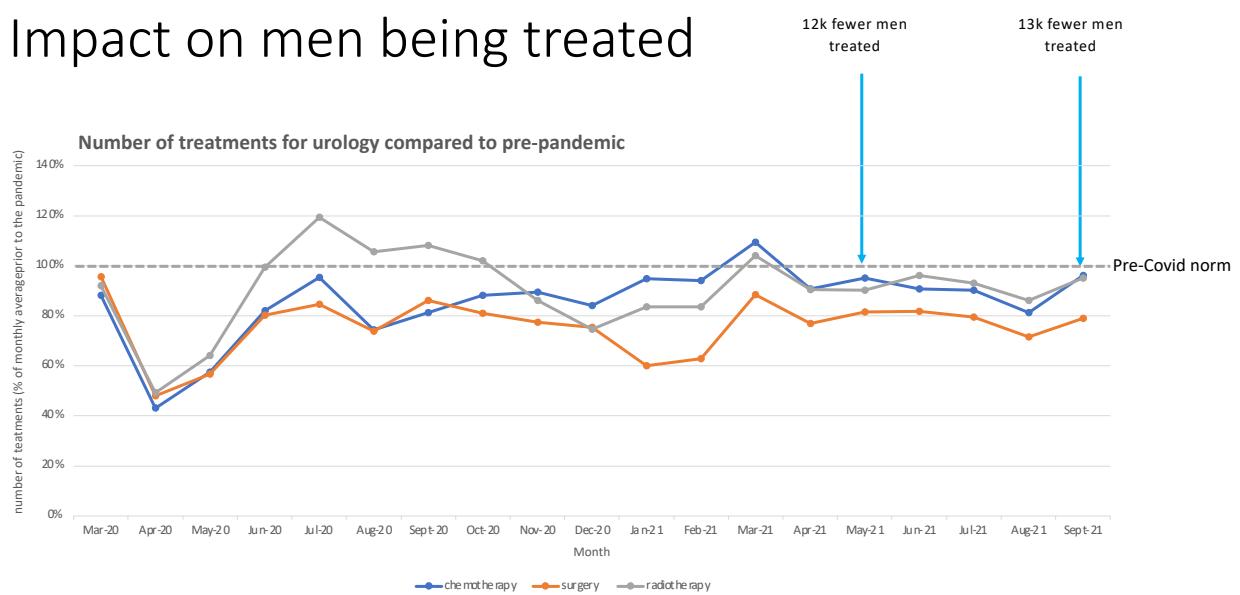
## Impact on men presenting in primary care



<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/cancer-waiting-times/>

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## Impact on men being treated

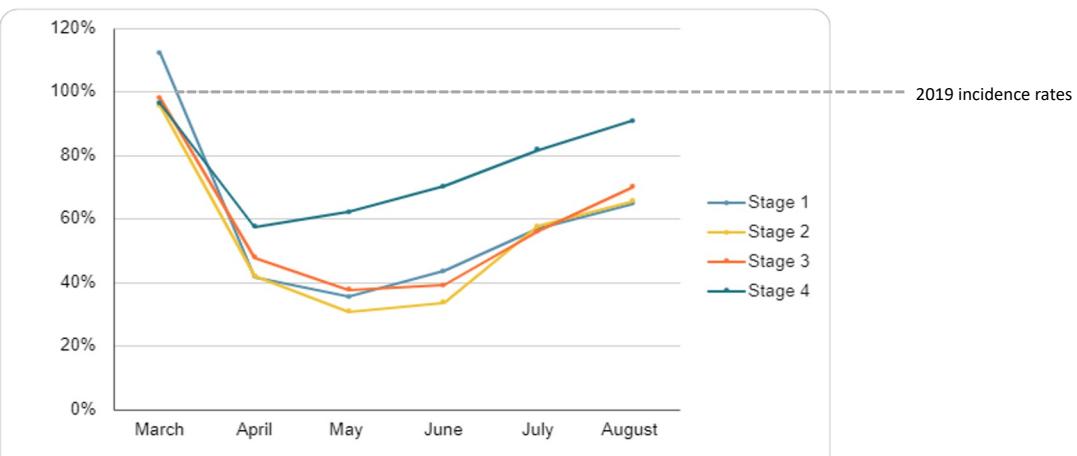


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## Impact on stage of diagnosis

Difference in prostate cancer incidence rates by stage between March-Aug 2020 and March-Aug 2019.



Data source: <https://www.cancerdata.nhs.uk/covid-19/rcrd>. Prostate data by stage at diagnosis

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## Awareness raising

**Prostate Cancer UK empower higher risk men with knowledge and information to come to their own decision (informed choice) about whether or not to have a PSA test.**

**Who:** men 50+, black men 45+, men with a close family history 45+

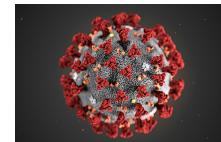
**How:**

- We reach men at higher risk and raise awareness of their risk
- We use our risk checker to inform and engage men with their risk and the pros and cons of the PSA
- We recommend men at higher risk talk to their GP about the pros and cons of the PSA test.
- We don't tell men to have a PSA test - we tell them it's their choice – and it's fine to choose NOT to.

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## My Current roles during the ongoing covid-19 pandemic

- Lead Consultant for Cancer COVID-19 Response  
East and North Herts NHS Trust
- Expert Advisor, COVID-19 East of England Cancer Clinical Cell,  
NHS England and NHS Improvement



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## Case 1

45 year / male

Engineer

Brother diagnosed with prostate cancer at 66 in the Barbados

New onset lower urinary tract symptoms



Patient concerns – “Do I have prostate cancer ?”

“What is PSA ?”

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### Important patients to recommend PSA test

Lower urinary tract symptoms (PSA can predict progressive BPH when PSA is above 1.4)

Patients between 45 - 75

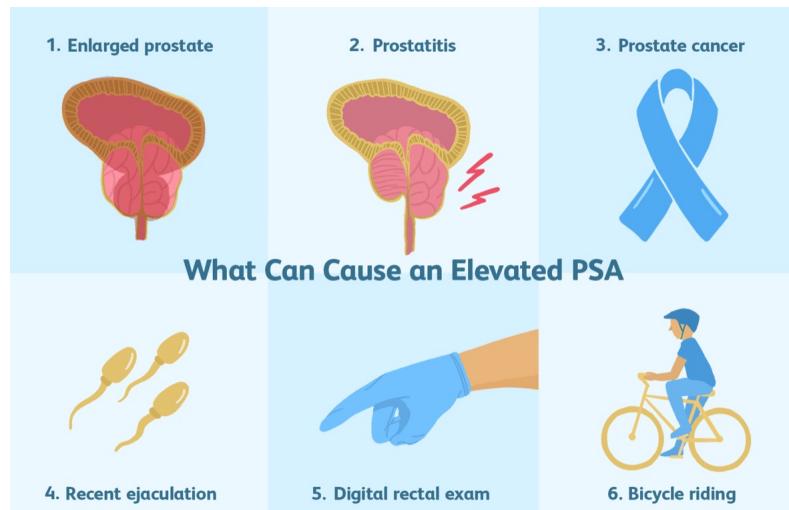
Family history positive 40 onwards

Afro- Caribbean 3X more likely

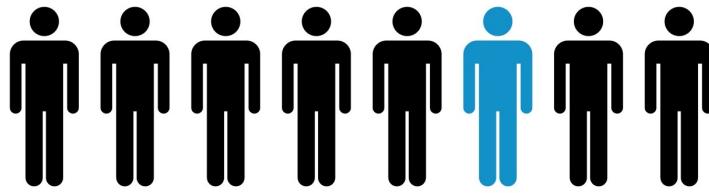
If PSA >1 at 45 or > 2 at 60 - 15% lifetime risk of significant prostate cancer

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## PSA Blood Test

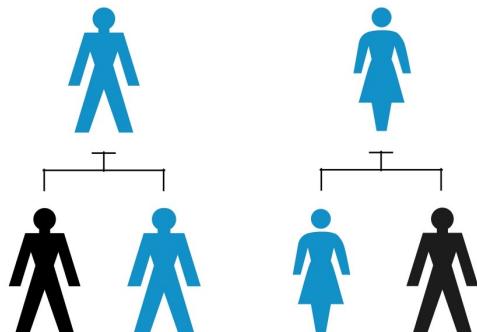


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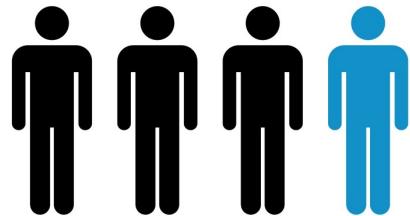


**In the UK, 1 in 8 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime**

## You have a family history



## You are a black man



## Age 50 or over

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## Symptoms of Prostate Cancer

- Water work symptoms
  - Needing to wee more often than usual, day or night
  - Difficulty starting a wee
  - Straining or taking a long time to finish weeing
  - A weak flow
  - Feeling that you haven't emptied your bladder properly
  - Needing to rush to wee – sometimes leaking before you reach the toilet
  - Dribbling urine after you finish weeing
- Blood in urine / semen
- Lower back bone pain
- Lethargy
- Erectile dysfunction
- Anorexia/weight loss

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## Black Men and Prostate Cancer

- 1 in 4 black men will get prostate cancer in their lifetime. Black men are more likely to get prostate cancer than other men, who have a 1 in 8 chance of getting prostate cancer



- You may also be more likely to get prostate cancer as a black man if:
  - you are aged 45 or over – and your risk increases as you get older
  - your father or brother has had it



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I'm a black man over 45. What should I do next?

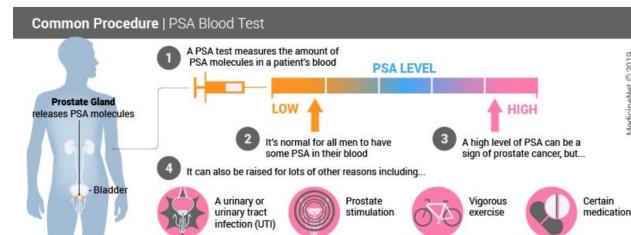
- See your GP even if you have no symptoms
- If you have a family history of prostate cancer or you're black, you are at higher risk
- Call your GP to talk about the pros and cons of a PSA blood test



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## Advantages of PSA Blood Test

- It can help pick up prostate cancer before you have any symptoms.
- It may help to pick up a fast-growing cancer at an early stage when treatment may stop the cancer spreading and causing problems.
- Having regular PSA tests could be helpful for men who are more at risk of prostate cancer.
- This can help spot any changes in your PSA level, which might be a sign of prostate cancer.



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## Disadvantages of PSA Testing

- You might have a raised PSA level, even if you don't have prostate cancer
- The PSA test can miss prostate cancer.
  - 1 in 7 men (15 per cent) with a normal PSA level may have prostate cancer
  - 1 in 50 men (two per cent) with a normal PSA may have a fast-growing prostate cancer.
- If your PSA level is raised you may need more tests, including a biopsy.
- You might be diagnosed with a slow-growing prostate cancer which would never have caused you any problems or shortened your life

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## Perform first PSA level in proactive men at 40-45 or at 60 depending on your practice (Useful in the UK)

PSA > 1.0 (Age 45) and PSA > 2.0 (Age 60) there is a higher chance of developing advanced prostate cancer or dying of prostate cancer over the next 25 years

PSA < 1.0 (Age 60) rules out chance of developing high risk prostate cancer

PSA > 2.0 (Aged 60) - 26 X increase in dying of prostate cancer on 85th birthday

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#### Screening

There is no national screening programme for prostate cancer because we don't have a reliable enough test to use. Research has shown that the current tests don't reduce the number of men dying from prostate cancer. Research is going on to find a new test.

#### What is screening?

Screening means testing people for early stages of a disease before they have any symptoms. For screening to be useful the tests:

- need to be reliable at picking up cancers
- overall must do more good than harm to people taking part
- must be something that people are willing to do

Screening tests are not perfect and have some risks. The screening programme should also be good value for money for the NHS.

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## PSA Screening in the UK – Current Status (10/2021)

- Screening programmes aim to find the early signs of cancer in people who don't have any symptoms yet
- In the UK there are screening programmes for breast, cervical and bowel cancer
- Some studies have found that screening with the PSA test could mean fewer men die from prostate cancer. But it would also mean that:
  - Many men would have a biopsy, which could cause side effects
  - A large number of men would be diagnosed with a slow-growing cancer that wouldn't have caused any symptoms or shortened their life
  - A large number of these men would have treatment they didn't need, which could cause side effects.

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**Guideline of guidelines: prostate cancer screening**  
Stacy Loeb

Volume 114, Issue 3  
September 2014  
Pages 323-325

**Key Points**

- Randomised trials have shown that PSA screening reduces metastatic prostate cancer and disease-related death.
- The USPSTF recommends against PSA screening, while most other professional organisations recommend shared decision-making about PSA screening.
- PSA screening should be discontinued for men with <10-year life expectancy.
- Several guidelines now recommend baseline PSA testing for men in their 40s for risk stratification.
- Some guidelines also suggest a risk-adapted approach to screening considering multiple risk factors along with PSA for clinical decisions.

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## What's new in 2022

### Times have changed !

#### 1. We are able to avoid over diagnosis:

- Better use of PSA: age-related PSA, PSA Density
- Risk Calculators (PCPT and ERSPC)
- mp(bp)MRI before biopsy Mannaerts et al., Eur. Urol. Oncol. 2018
  - ....decrease of number of biopsies
  - .....detect more significant and less insignificant cancers

Amin et al., J. Urol. 2020

#### 2. We can reduce overtreatment:

- Application of Active Surveillance in 65% of low & intermediate risk
- Nomogram to predict disease progression for men on AS Van Hemelrijck, EAU20

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## What's new in 2022

### Prostate Cancer - Early PSA Testing

When do you have to offer early PSA testing to well-informed men at elevated risk of having PCa?



> 50 years of age



> 45 years of age  
and a family history of PCa



Men of African descent  
> 45 years of age



Men carrying BRCA2  
mutations > 40 years of age

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## How often should the PSA level be checked ?

Age	PSA	Frequency of checking PSA
40 - 45 years	< 1.0	Every 8 years
40 - 45 years	> 1.0 - 2.5	Every 4 years
60 - 74 years	< 2.0	? Need to repeat at all NNT to save 1 live if is to screen 24,646 and treat 724 patient

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## Suspected cancer: recognition and referral

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1.6.3 Consider referring people with possible symptoms of prostate cancer, as specified in recommendation 1.6.2, using a suspected cancer pathway referral (for an appointment within 2 weeks) for prostate cancer if their PSA levels are above the threshold for their age in table 1. Take into account the person's preferences and any comorbidities when making the decision. [2021]

**Table 1 Age-specific PSA thresholds for people with possible symptoms of prostate cancer**

Age (years)	Prostate-specific antigen threshold (micrograms/litre)
Below 40	Use clinical judgement
40 to 49	More than 2.5
50 to 59	More than 3.5
60 to 69	More than 4.5
70 to 79	More than 6.5
Above 79	Use clinical judgement

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## Case 2

PSA – 6 ng / ml

DRE – Firm nodule

ASA – 1

Performance Status

<b>Suspected cancer:</b>	<b>Prostate</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Symptoms:</b>
		Hard irregular prostate on DRE <input type="checkbox"/>
PSA value	_____ ng/ml	Significant symptoms (inc. symptoms of metastases) and raised PSA <input type="checkbox"/>
		Raised age-related PSA <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Age related cut-off measurements : 50-59 &gt; 3.0 ng/ml ; 60-69 &gt; 4.0 ng/ml; 70-80 &gt; 5.0ng/ml Elderly patients (over 80yrs) or those with significant co-morbidity do not require urgent referral for mildly elevated PSA in the absence of symptoms. PSA measurements are NOT valid in the presence of urinary tract infection and need to be repeated once the infection has resolved.</i>		
<b>Bladder or Renal</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Symptoms:</b>
		PAINLESS macroscopic haematuria (any age) <input type="checkbox"/>
		Haematuria associated with PERSISTENT UTI (over 40) <input type="checkbox"/>
		Unexplained microscopic haematuria (over 50) <input type="checkbox"/>
		Palpable renal mass or solid renal mass on U/S scan <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Testicular</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Symptoms:</b>
		Swelling / mass in BODY of testicle <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Penile</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Symptoms:</b>
		Ulceration / mass in the glans or the prepuce <input type="checkbox"/>

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Recommendations organised by site of cancer

Recommendations on patient support, safety netting and the diagnostic process

Recommendations organised by symptom and findings of primary care investigations

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Rationale and impact

Context

### Guidance

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### Rationale and impact

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[Prostate-specific antigen testing for prostate cancer](#)

This section briefly explains why the committee made the recommendation and how it might affect practice.

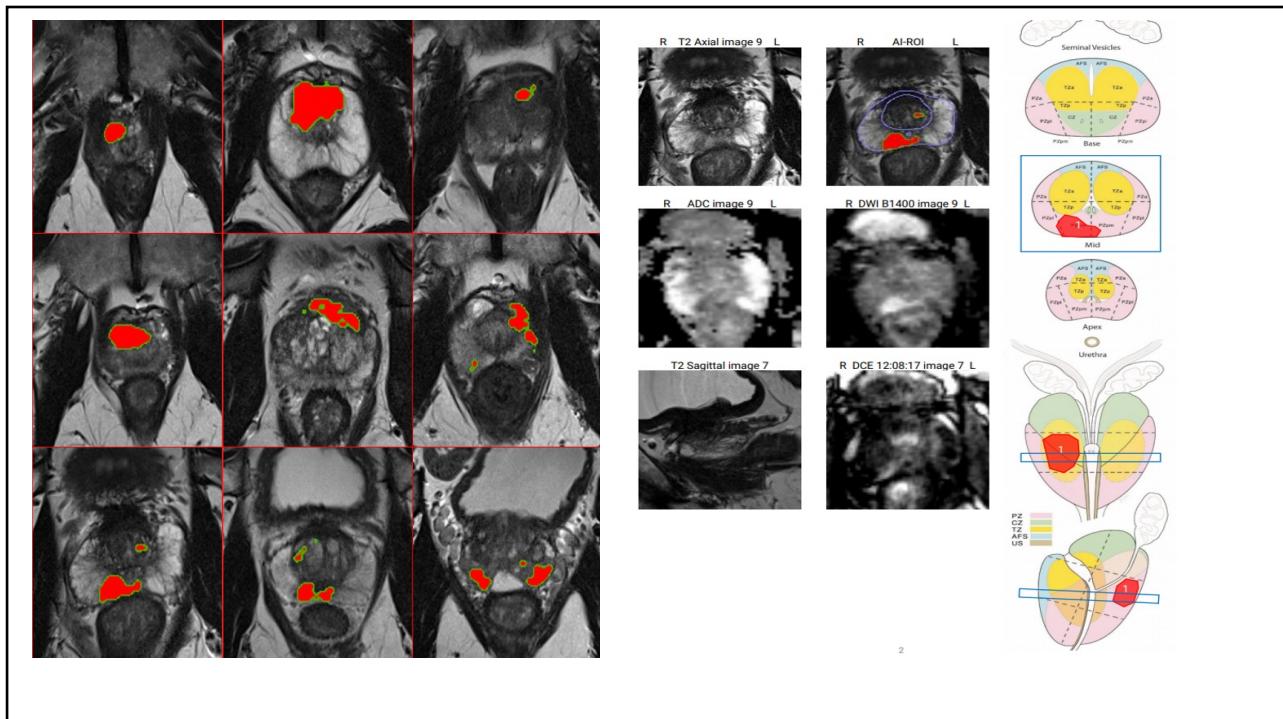
### Prostate-specific antigen testing for prostate cancer

[Recommendation 1.6.3](#)

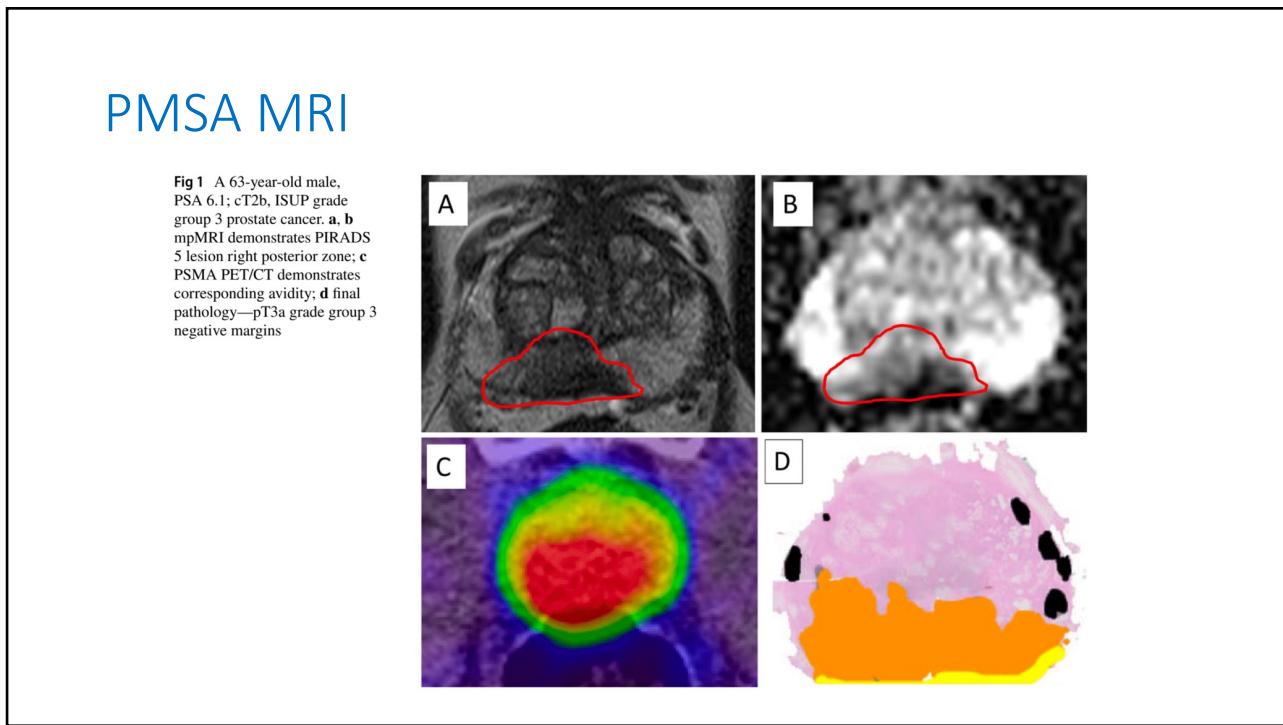
### Why the committee made the recommendation

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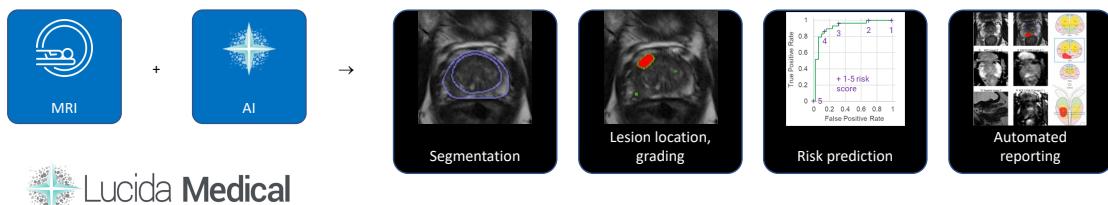


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## AI for prostate cancer diagnosis, treatment and management



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- Improve accuracy & consistency
- Fusion biopsy where necessary
- Reporting & staging
- Surgical planning

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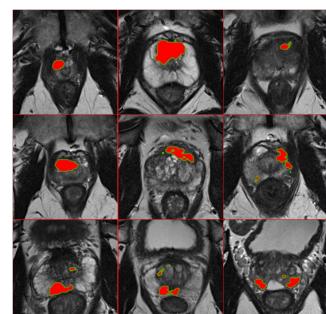
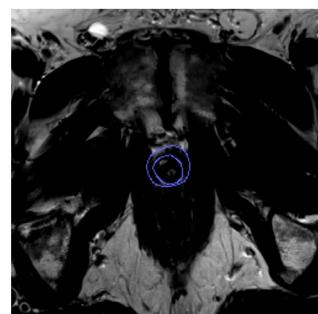
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## Collaboration on AI for prostate surgical planning



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Surgical applications:

- Margins, extracapsular, NVB & SV involvement
- 3D visualisations for planning & procedure

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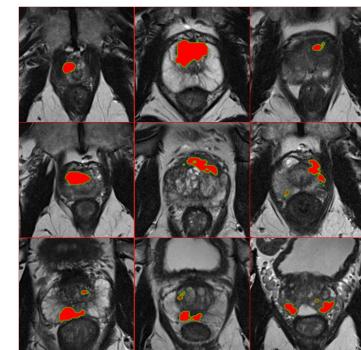
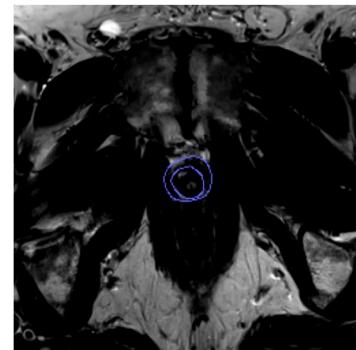
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## Collaboration on AI for prostate surgical planning (CI – N Vasdev)

Can MRI help us plan more effectively and improve outcomes in robotic prostatectomy?

- Capsular abutment, extracapsular extension & surgical margins
- Potential NVB or SV involvement
- 3D visualisations to assist planning & surgical procedure



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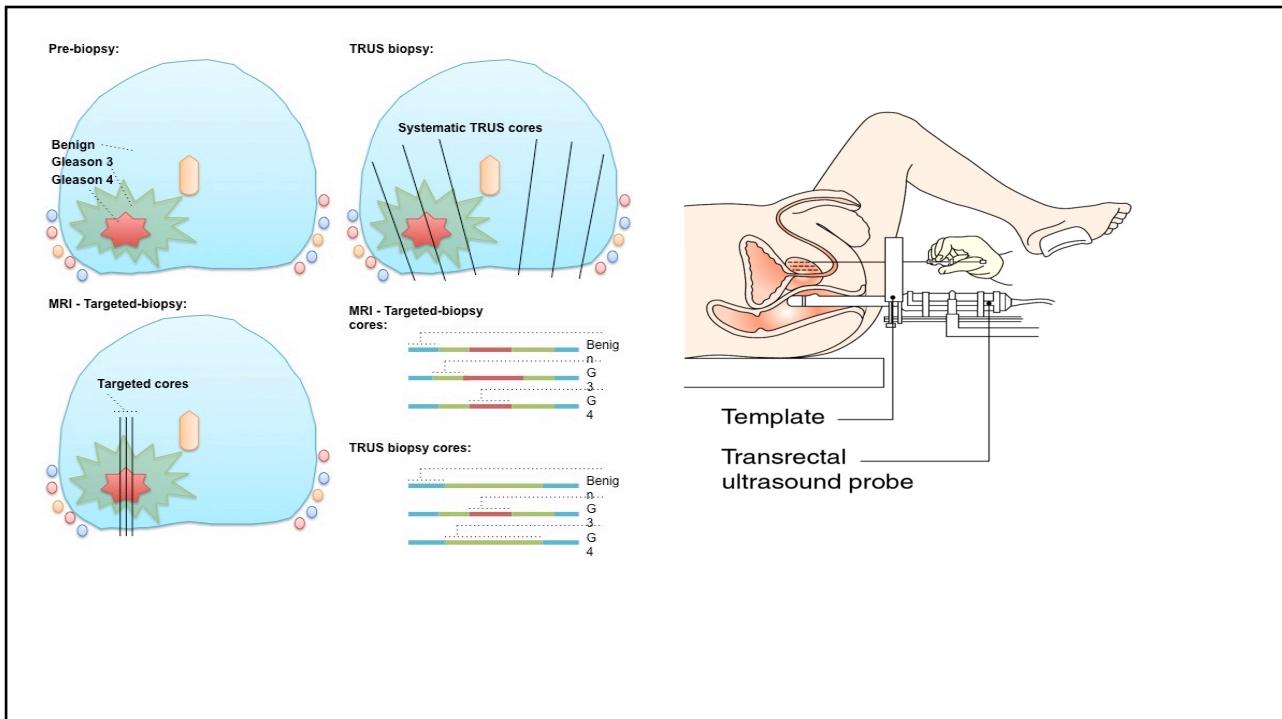
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## PI-RADS 1.0

1	Clinically significant cancer <i>highly unlikely</i>
2	Clinically significant cancer <i>unlikely</i>
3	Clinically significant cancer is <i>equivocal</i>
4	Clinically significant cancer is <i>likely</i>
5	Clinically significant cancer is <i>highly likely</i>

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**The role of URO17™ biomarker to enhance diagnosis of urothelial cancer in new hematuria patients—First European Data**

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**Abstract**

**Introduction and objectives:** Novel biomarker research is vital for the progression of safe and thorough diagnostic medicine. There is now a need to improve the diagnosis of bladder cancer via a noninvasive urine test while balancing the risks of harm from investigational procedures, such as cystoscopy and radiological tests, against the likelihood of malignancy. We evaluate the diagnostic accuracy and sensitivity of Uro17™ urinary biomarker for the detection of urothelial cancer in hematuria patients in a prospective blinded validation study. Uro17™ is an immunobiomarker which binds

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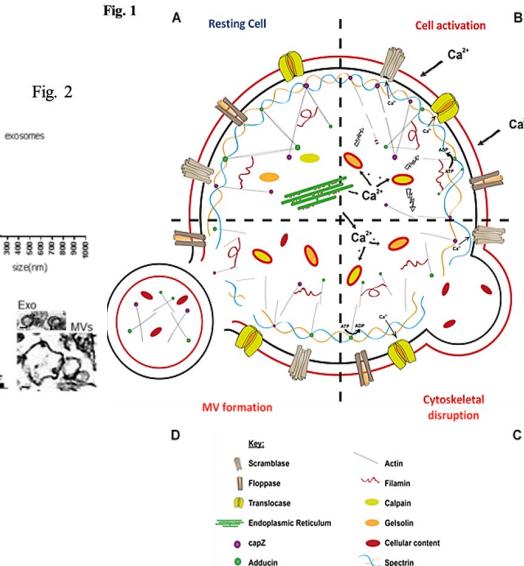
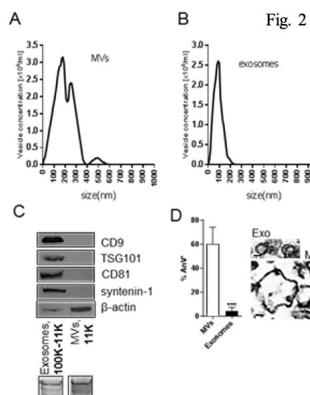
## Microfluidics Prostate Cancer Biopsy Development

- Development of novel Extracellular Vesicle- (EV-) based biomarkers for early detection of Prostate Cancer
- Prostate Cancer Urinary Biomarker Development

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### The Emerging Role of Artificial Intelligence in the Fight Against COVID-19

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## Case 3

Biopsies – Gleason 3+4=7 Ca Prostate

Partner – 40 year old

Main concerns

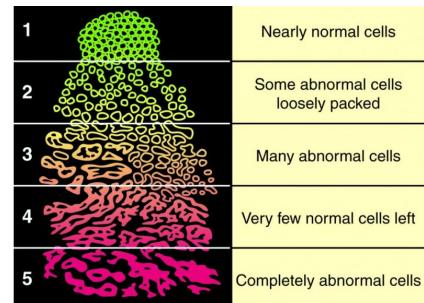
Cancer Control

Continence

Erectile Dysfunction

Return to Work

Long term follow up



Risk Group	Grade Group	Gleason Score
Low	Grade Group 1	Gleason Score $\leq 6$
Intermediate Favorable	Grade Group 2	Gleason Score 7 (3 + 4)
Intermediate Unfavorable	Grade Group 3	Gleason Score 7 (4 + 3)
High	Grade Group 4	Gleason Score 8
High	Grade Group 5	Gleason Score 9-10

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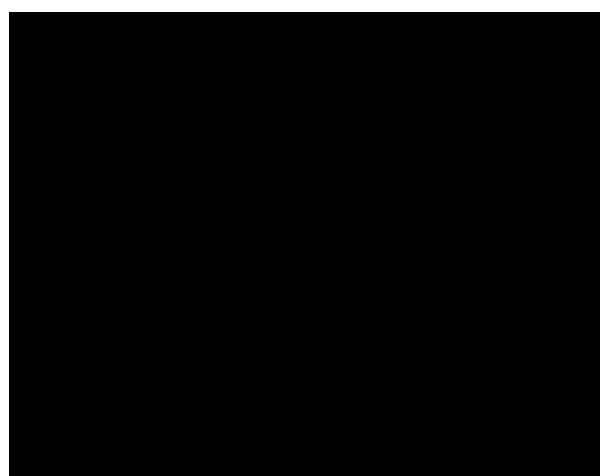
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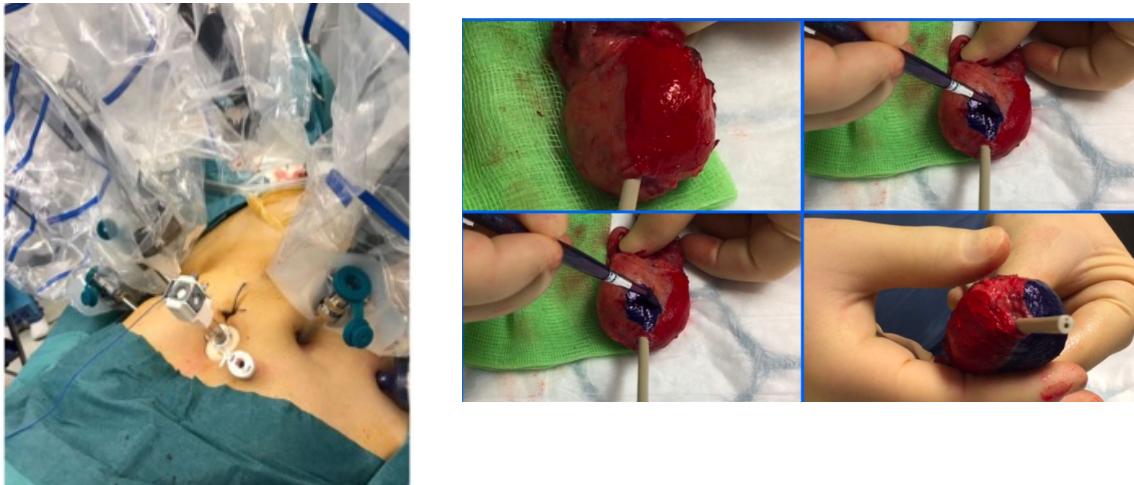
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**Table 2** Erectile dysfunction (ED) at 12 months against NeuroSAFE bundles spared/removed

	ED Score 0	ED Score 1	ED Score 2	ED Score 3	Total
NVB spared	41 (13.4%)	88 (28.9%)	94 (30.8%)	82 (26.9%)	305 (100%)
1 NVB taken	10 (9.3%)	26 (24.1%)	31 (28.7%)	41 (38%)	108 (100%)
2 NVBs taken	0 (0%)	1 (5.9%)	4 (23.5%)	12 (70.6%)	17 (100%)

*p* value = <0.01

ED Score 0 = spontaneous erections; 1 = erections with PDE-51; 2 = partial erection; 3 = no/minimal erections

**Table 3** Urinary continence at 12 months against NeuroSAFE bundles spared/removed

	Continence Score 0	Continence Score 1	Continence Score 1.5	Continence Score 2	Continence Score 3	Total
NVB spared	170 (55%)	100 (32.4%)	10 (3.2%)	18 (5.8%)	11 (3.6%)	309 (100%)
1 NVB taken	65 (58.6%)	36 (32.4%)	3 (2.7%)	5 (4.5%)	2 (1.8%)	111 (100%)
2 NVBs taken	9 (50%)	8 (44.4%)	1 (5.6%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	18 (100%)

*p* value = 0.49

Continence Score 0 = pad free; 1 = safety; 1.5 = 1 pad/day; 2 = 2–3 pads/day; 3 = 4 or more pads/day

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**Cytokine guided Robotic prostatectomy**  
CI – N Vasdev

- 20 patients undergoing Robotic Prostatectomy
- 12 mm Hg (10 patients) and 15 mm Hg (10 patients)
- IFN-gamma, TNF-alpha, IL-1beta and IL-4 are elevated at a pressure of 15 mm Hg and lower at a pressure of 12 mm Hg

	Pressure 12 mm Hg	Pressure 15 mm Hg
Blood loss	92.5 ml	50 ml
Time to passing flatus	1.2 days	1.6 days
Time to open bowels	3.4 days	3.8 days
Ileus Rates	0	20%

Marker	12 mm Hg (C)	15 mm Hg (D)	15 mm Hg (E)
IL-6	~125	~125	~25
IL-10	~25	~25	~1

Marker	12 mm Hg (A)	15 mm Hg (B)	12 mm Hg (C)	15 mm Hg (D)	12 mm Hg (E)
IL-6/IL-10 Ratio	21.26	16.72	4.66	22.44	11.91

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## Radiation Based Treatment options

### Intensity Modulated Radiotherapy

**CRT vs. IMRT**

Prostate

Tumour

Radioactive seeds

**3-field RT**

Beam Profile #1

Beam Profile #2

Beam Profile #3

Dose Intensity

Prescribed Dose (typical distribution)

PTV

RO

**3-field IMRS**

Beam Profile #1

Beam Profile #2

Beam Profile #3

Dose Intensity

Prescribed Dose (typical distribution)

PTV

RO

SpaceOR

With IMRT dose distribution can be shaped to the target to spare Organs at Risk

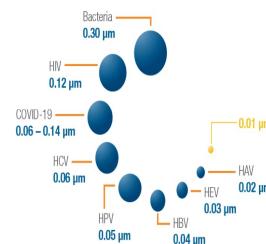
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## Aerosol and viral transmission

- CO2 could theoretically contain COVID-19 particles and that aerosolization could expose healthcare workers to infectious virus if there is unrestricted release of CO2 into the operating room
- Biologic material is a known component of surgical smoke

Virus	Aerodynamic Size
COVID-19	0.06 – 0.14 $\mu\text{m}$
HIV	0.12 $\mu\text{m}$
HPV	0.055 $\mu\text{m}$
Hepatitis C	0.1 $\mu\text{m}$

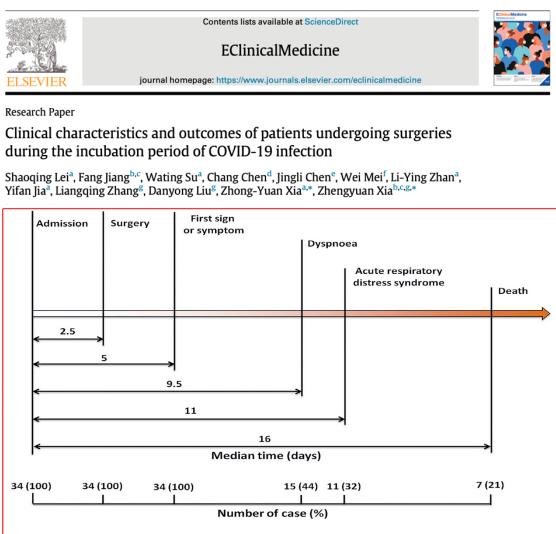
- Based on this data, capture of sub 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  is possible
- Case reports of HPV viral infection associated with inhaled viral smoke



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## First account of peri-operative covid-19 complications – April 2020

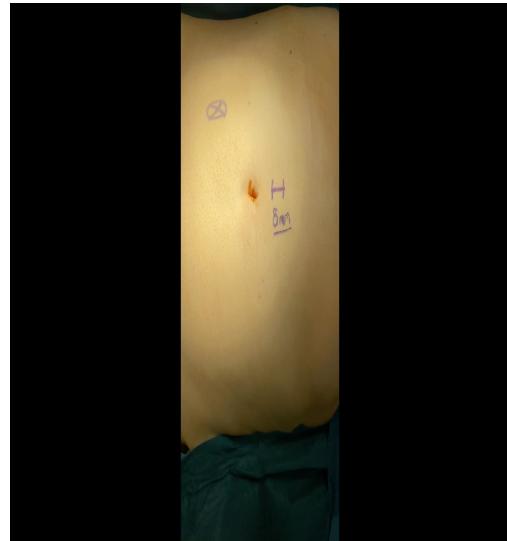


- Perioperative COVID-19 in 34 patients (Wuhan)
- Post operative mortality – 20%
- Obvious limitations
- All other subsequent reports support the findings similar to this paper

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Intra-operative considerations  
(initial and during surgery)

- Use smoke evacuation pencil
- Skin incisions should be as small as possible to minimize the potential for gas leakage around the trocar
- Ensure Trocar stopcocks or luer connectors are closed prior to insertion to prevent unnecessary gas leakage
- Use a low-pressure pneumoperitoneum and gradual Insufflation
- Use continuous circulation of Insufflation system (AirSeal system™ by CONMED USA) to decrease the accumulation of surgical smoke in the abdomen
- Use a concomitant ULPA (Ultra-low particulate air) filter for surgical smoke settings
- Avoid low temperature ultrasonic scalpels/scissors
- Avoid transfer of specimen bag strings through ports



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AIRSEAL TRAINING VIDEOS

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CLINICAL USE OF  
AIRSEAL

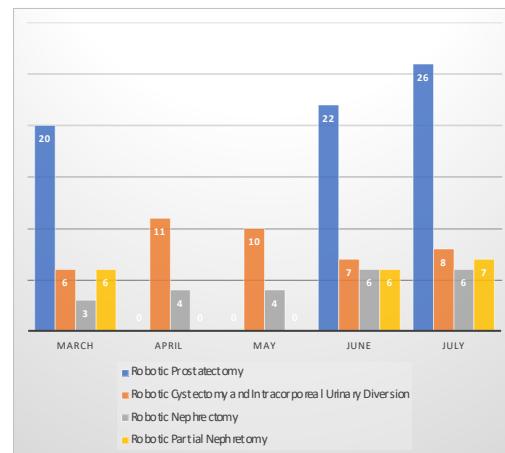


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## Robotic urology at ENHT during COVID-19

- Anaesthetic staff allocation (Working Beyond One's Regular Scope of Practice as Part of a Team)
- Documented consent covering the risk of COVID-19 exposure and the potential consequences
- All cases With Airseal and cystectomies were all Intracorporeal Urinary Diversion (All cases approved by tumour board to proceed)



0 % COVID-19 post Robotic Surgery at 30 days

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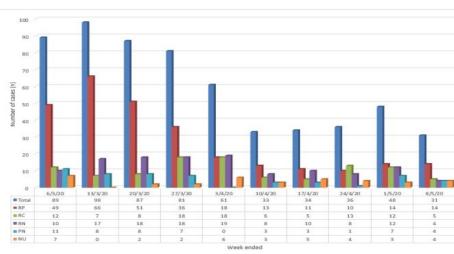


### Major urological cancer surgery for patients is safe and surgical training should be encouraged during the COVID-19 pandemic: A multi-centre analysis of 30-day outcomes.

- Data from 13 UK major cancer referral centres between 1st March- 6th May 2020 (Real-life data)
- 598 patients in analysis amongst whom A minimal invasive approach was utilised in 499 cases (83.4%)

Table 1: Patient characteristics stratified by type of surgery.

	All patients (n=598)	Radical prostatectomy (n=282)	Radical cystectomy (n=154)	Radical nephrectomy (n=124)	Partial nephrectomy (n=52)	Nephroureterectomy (n=36)
Age (years), median (IQR)	65.1 (58.5-71.3)	64.1 (59.0-68.6)	67.4 (62.4-75.4)	65.3 (58.5-73.4)	63.4 (52.1-68.5)	61.8 (62.5-75.4)
ASA:						
I	83 (13.9)	47 (16.7)	11 (0.5)	13 (10.5)	8 (15.3)	4 (11.2)
II	393 (65.7)	212 (75.1)	58 (35.7)	74 (59.7)	33 (63.5)	16 (44.4)
III	122 (20.4)	23 (8.2)	35 (33.7)	37 (29.8)	11 (21.2)	16 (44.4)
Surgical technique, n (%):						
Open	99 (16.6)	1 (0.4)	39 (94.4)	46 (37.1)	7 (13.5)	6 (16.7)
Robotic	416 (69.8)	280 (99.3)	65 (62.5)	0 (0)	43 (82.7)	18 (50.0)
Endoscopic	81 (13.5)	1 (0.4)	66 (53.2)	2 (0.8)	2 (3.8)	12 (33.3)
Training case, n (%):						
No	370 (61.9)	173 (61.3)	69 (63.3)	68 (54.8)	34 (65.4)	26 (72.2)
Yes	228 (38.1)	120 (43.7)	40 (36.7)	50 (45.2)	19 (34.6)	10 (27.8)
Hospital LOS (days), median (IQR)	3.0 (1.0-5.0)	1.0 (1.0-2.0)	7.5 (6.0-11.8)	4.0 (3.0-6.0)	3.0 (2.0-4.0)	4.0 (3.0-5.0)
Patients who developed COVID-19, n (%)	4 (0.7)	0 (0)	3 (2.9)	1 (0.8)	0 (0)	0 (0)



No 30 day COVID-19 Related Mortality

Risk of contracting COVID-19 post operatively – 0.7%

Risk of contracting COVID-19 not associated with longer hospital LOS ( $p=0.146$ ), training case ( $p=0.588$ ), Higher ASA ( $p=0.295$ )

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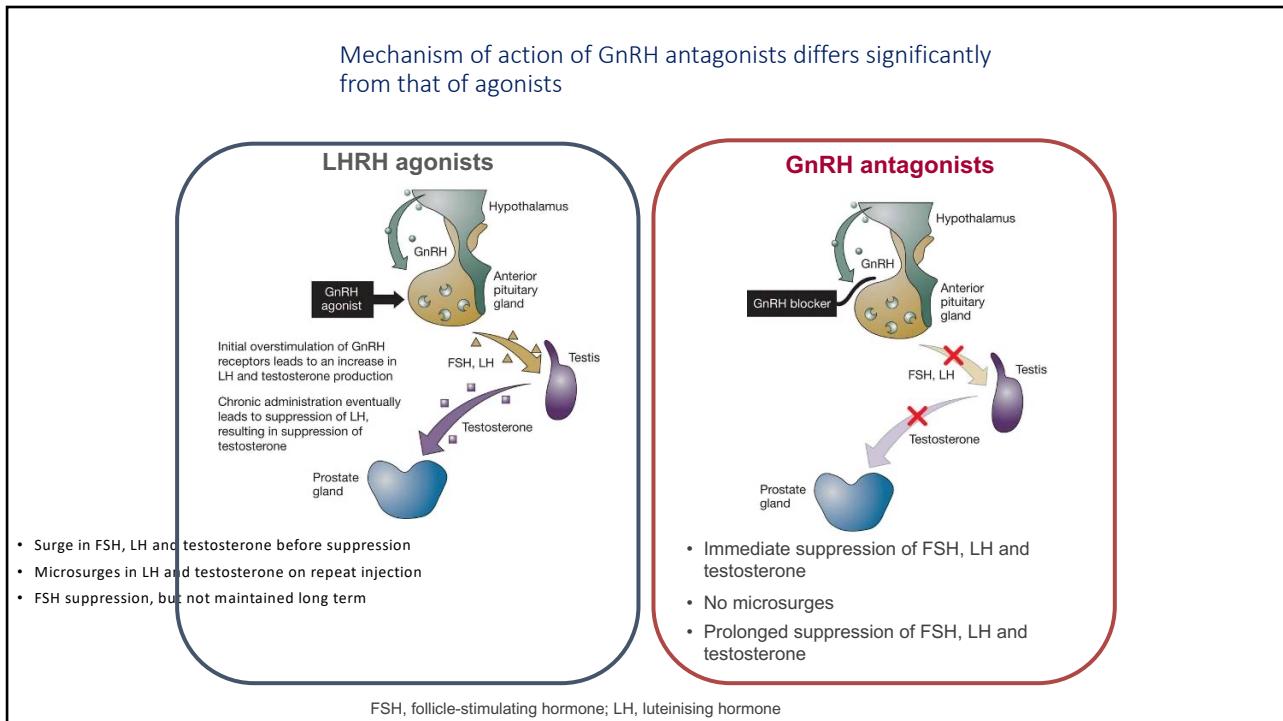
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- STAMPEDE TRIAL
- Hormone and chemo unresponsive patients

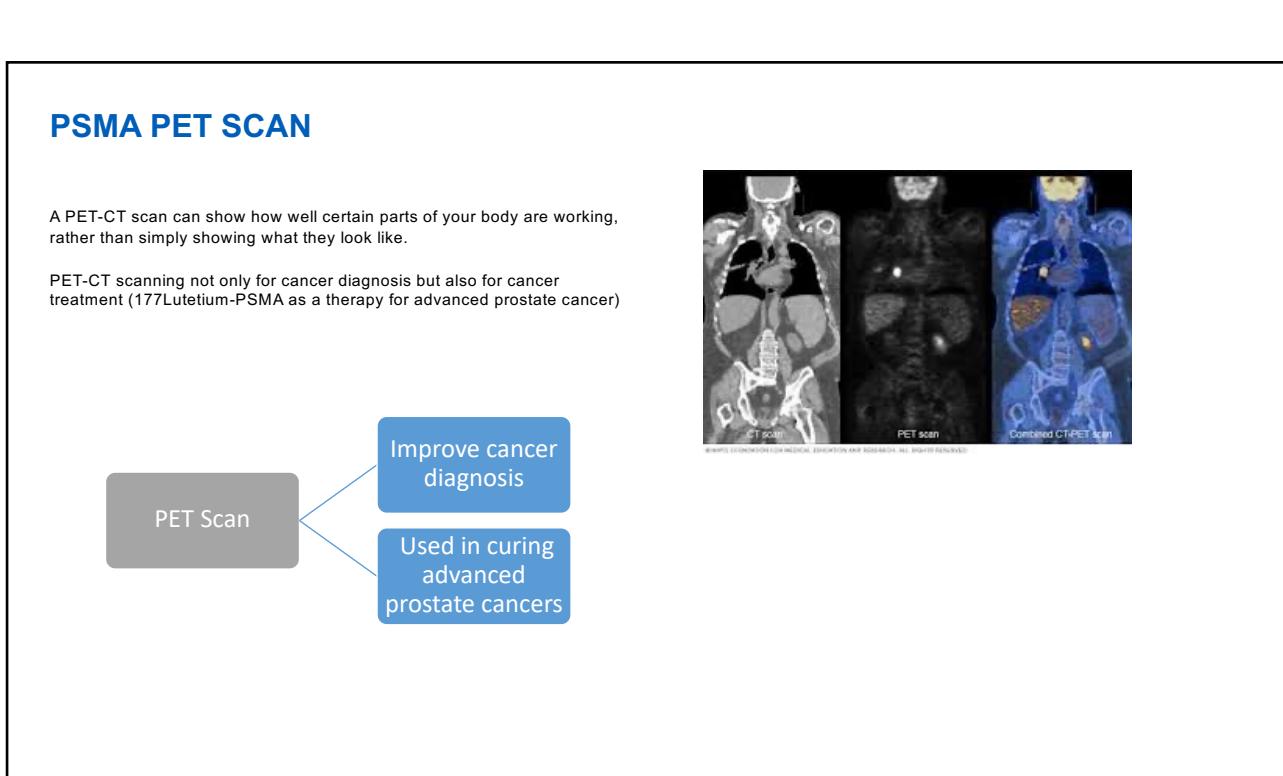
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