

PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING



Hello,

My name is Al Castellanos and I am a licensed insurance agent. Do you know what disease prevention is and why it's important? Well I am here to give you that information. Medicare pays for many preventive services to keep you healthy. These preventive services can find health problems early, when treatment works best, and can keep you from getting certain diseases.

Prostate Cancer Screening is one of the preventive services that is covered by Medicare.

What is it?

Prostate cancer is cancer that occurs in the prostate – a small walnut-shaped gland in men that produces the seminal fluid that nourishes and transports sperm. Prostate cancer is one of the most common types of cancer in men.

Risk Factors:

- Age – The risk of prostate cancer increases with age, especially after age 50
- North American or Northern European location
- Family history
- Hereditary breast and ovarian cancer syndrome
- Other genetic changes
- Agent Orange exposure
- Eating habits

Who's covered?

All men with Medicare over 50 (coverage for this test begins the day after their 50th birthday).

How often is it covered?

- **Digital Rectal Examination** – Once every 12 months.
- **PSA Test** – Once every 12 months.

Your cost if you have Original Medicare

Generally, you pay 20% of the Medicare-approved amount for the digital rectal exam after the yearly Part B deductible. You pay nothing for the PSA test.

If you have any questions regarding this exam or any of the other Preventive Service exams covered by Medicare, please contact me at (281) 642-4082 or at alcastellanos@prinsuco.com.