

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Please join with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in raising awareness and knowledge about prostate cancer and the prostate cancer screenings covered by Medicare. Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men and the second leading cause of cancer death among men in the United States, after lung cancer. Medicare provides coverage of two types of prostate cancer screenings.



Medicare provides coverage for Digital Rectal Exams (DREs) and Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) blood tests once every 12 months for all male beneficiaries aged 50 and older. The PSA blood test must be ordered by the patient's physician or qualified non-physician practitioner. The DRE must be performed by a physician or non-physician practitioner who is authorized under state law to perform the examination. Both screenings are covered under Medicare as a Part B benefit.

What Can You Do?

As a provider of healthcare to men with Medicare you can help your patients make an informed decision about prostate cancer screening:

- Talk with your patients about the nature and risk of prostate cancer.
- Share current information about prostate cancer screenings with them.
- Inform them about the prostate screenings covered by Medicare that may be appropriate for them.

For More Information:

- [The Guide to Medicare Preventive Services, Chapter 12](#)
- [Medicare Preventive Services Quick Reference Information Chart](#)
- [Cancer Screenings Brochure for Physicians, Providers, Suppliers, and Other Health Care Professionals](#)
- [Center for Disease Control and Prevention Prostate Cancer Website](#)
- [Prostate Cancer Awareness Month](#)

Thank you for joining with CMS to help increase awareness and knowledge about prostate cancer and prostate cancer screenings so that men can make informed decisions that are right for them about prostate cancer screening.