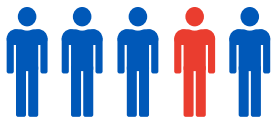


VETERANS & PROSTATE CANCER



An estimated **500,000** veterans in the VA system have prostate cancer. **16,000** of these patients have metastatic prostate cancer.



1 in 8 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer and **1 in 5** men who are military personnel will be diagnosed.



Prostate cancer rates **in the military** are **twice** as those in the general population.

In the VA, prostate cancer is one of the **most commonly diagnosed** forms of cancer among Veterans, many of whom also have service-related **exposure to carcinogens**.



GET CHECKED!

Veterans are at a higher risk of prostate cancer. Finding the disease in its earliest stages will give you the best opportunity to cure the cancer. When found early, survival approaches nearly 100% percent of men will be alive five years later. Two tests are commonly used to screen for prostate cancer: the Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) blood test and the Digital Rectal Exam (DRE). Several new tests are in development to aid in the early diagnosis of prostate cancer. Prostate health assessments can also reveal non-cancerous conditions such as, prostatitis and benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH).

MISSION ACT

For veterans who are already enrolled in VA healthcare, the MISSION Act allows you to receive healthcare within your community without impacting your existing VA healthcare or any other VA benefit!

Qualifications:

- If you have been, or will be, waiting more than 20 days for VA medical care (28 days for specialty care),
- If you live more than a 30-minute drive from a VA primary care,
- Mental health and extended care service facility (or a 60-minute drive for specialty care)
- If you need a service not offered at any VA medical facility, you may be eligible for this program.
- If deemed a medical necessity by your VA provider.