



### Nationwide Incidence Rate

1 in 8 men will be diagnosed during his lifetime  
3.1M men currently diagnosed

### This year in the United States...

New cases: 288,300  
Deaths: 34,700

Veterans are 1.5x more likely to get prostate cancer.

African-American men are 2.1x more likely to die of prostate cancer.

### Incidence Rate in Tennessee

117.2 in every 100,000 men diagnosed  
19.5 in every 100,000 men die from the disease

### This year in Tennessee...

New cases: 6280  
Deaths: 740

### National Rankings by State:

#19 for prostate cancer incidence  
#25 for prostate cancer deaths

*Source: Estimates based on 2023 data from the American Cancer Society*

## ZERO's Impact in Tennessee

### Patient Programs

- ZERO360 is ZERO's comprehensive patient navigation service that provides individualized case management to help patients and their families connect with financial assistance, navigate insurance, and find other kinds of support including emotional support and even transportation assistance.
- ZERO also offers peer-to-peer support through our Us TOO Support Groups and MENtor programs. We match patients and caregivers with someone who has been on a similar journey to provide ongoing, one-on-one support. We also run a nationwide network of support groups for those affected by prostate cancer.
- ZERO Connect is our online private Facebook support group where you can connect with others affected by prostate cancer, learn from their experiences, and ask questions to patients and loved ones across the country.

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**CDMRP Grants in Tennessee**

Year Introduced: 1997  
Total Grants to Date: 60  
Total Grand Awards Through FY 2021\*: \$21.9M

*\*PCRP data for FY 2022 has not yet been posted*

Grant Recipient	Year	Amount
Vanderbilt University	1999	\$2419924
Meharry Medical College, Nashville	2021	\$1054537
University of Tennessee Health Science Center	2021	\$975531
University of Tennessee Health Science Center	2017	\$843694
Vanderbilt University	2014	\$842214

**CDC’s National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (NCCCP) Funding in Tennessee:**

- Goal: To promote informed decision-making regarding issues associated with prostate cancer and prostate cancer screenings.
- Objective: Identify disparities in prostate cancer incidence and mortality among population groups in Tennessee.
- Strategy: Regularly review data provided to the TC2 surveillance committee by the Tennessee Cancer Registry and/or obtained from the State Cancer Profiles web site to identify disparities in prostate cancer incidence and mortality.
- Strategy: Collaborate with Tennessee Cancer Coalition (TC2) regional coalitions to plan educational programs to address regional disparities.
- Objective: Increase educational opportunities for all citizens of Tennessee related to prevention, detection, and treatment of prostate cancer by hosting one activity in each of the TC2 regions by 2017.
- Strategy: Work with Tennessee Department of Health Minority Health Office, Tennessee Men’s Health Network, UsToo and others to present culturally appropriate, informed decision-making programs to minority population males on the need and effectiveness of prostate cancer screening.

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## 2023 Prostate Cancer Facts & Statistics

- Strategy: Work with the TC2 advocacy committee to support a legislative action to provide printed material on the risks and benefits of screening and treatment choices to all men diagnosed with prostate cancer.
- Objective: Increase primary care physician knowledge of the risks and potential benefits of prostate cancer screening and encourage discussion with appropriate male patients.
- Strategy: Facilitate distribution to and understanding by primary care physicians of the American Cancer Society's "New Prostate Cancer Screening Guidelines for Health Professionals" in the state of Tennessee.
- Objective: Facilitate partnership with churches within the African American community to encourage physician/patient dialogue about the appropriateness of prostate cancer screening.
- Strategy: Work with pastors from primarily African American congregations to encourage physician dialogue regarding prostate cancer screening.
- Strategy: Utilize CDC Prostate Cancer Screening: A Decision Guide For African Americans as an educational tool. Meet with the Ladies Circle groups to educate them about the importance of the men in their lives discussing prostate cancer screening with their physicians.
- Objective: Establish funding for Prostate Cancer Awareness and Treatment.
- Strategy: Facilitate advocacy for Prostate Cancer at the state and national level.
- Strategy: Advocate at the state and national level for additional funding to improve the lives of men with prostate cancer and raise awareness to decrease the death rate.
- Strategy: Advocate nationally to bring an increased awareness in the federal government and increase needed resources for the state of Tennessee to fight Prostate Cancer.

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