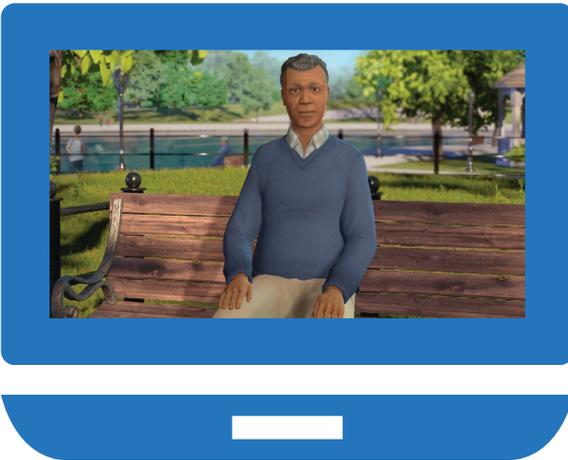


## WHAT DOES THE CDC DO FOR PROSTATE CANCER?

While there is no dedicated national program for prostate cancer within the CDC, the **CDC's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control** supports various prostate cancer activities. Within the Division, the **National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program** includes support for state health departments' prostate cancer activities within their state cancer programs. The Division also works at a national level conducting applied research and surveillance on prostate cancer and creating significant communication and outreach initiatives.



## MEET NATHAN

One such communication initiative is Nathan, a virtual human simulation that was created by the CDC to help men better understand their prostate cancer risk, screening options, and options for treatment if they are diagnosed.

## HOW CAN WE IMPROVE?

ZERO supports a **\$3M** increase over the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 level for the CDC's prostate cancer activities, to support a nationwide public awareness campaign targeted to high-risk men. This campaign will capitalize on ZERO's *Blitz the Barriers* program and amplify CDC's expertise in health communication with on the ground outreach directly into high-risk communities. The awareness campaign will ensure that messaging translates into action and drive screenings, early detection, and improved health outcomes.

**We ask that the following language be included in the report accompanying the FY26 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act:**



*Prostate Cancer.* — The Committee remains concerned about the rise in prostate cancer deaths and supports the CDC's work to address this trend by increasing public awareness of prostate cancer risks, screening, and treatment in high-risk men.

Accordingly, the Committee provides \$3,000,000 above the request/the fiscal year 2025 level to support the creation of a national education and awareness campaign targeting high-risk men and their families.