



What You Need to Know About COVID-19 & Prostate Cancer

In this unprecedented time, many prostate cancer patients have questions surrounding diagnosis, treatment, and health risks. It is critical right now for physicians and patients to have conversations about prioritizing what needs to happen now and what can be safely deferred until later.

Due to an increased risk of complications from COVID-19, cancer patients should avoid exposure to the coronavirus. It is important to take into consideration the aggressiveness of the prostate cancer and the patient's personal preferences. Having a conversation regarding the risk to benefit ratio can help patients understand safety now versus safety long term.

Important Questions to Ask About Prostate Cancer and COVID-19

For your physician and treatment team:

- How aggressive is my prostate cancer?
- What are the risks and benefits of deferring my treatment?
- How will different treatment options affect my risk of infection?
- What is my risk of immunosuppression with this type of treatment?
- What are some ways that I can not compromise my care but limit the time that I spend inside a healthcare setting?
- How often would I need to visit the clinic or labs with this type of treatment?
- What can I do to get the most out of our telemedicine appointments?
- I have advanced prostate cancer and am receiving chemotherapy, what are the risks versus the benefits of chemotherapy during this time?
- I have localized prostate cancer, how important is it for me to get treatment now or delay it due to COVID-19?
- I have noticed I'm getting more anxious, depressed, or short-tempered lately, how can I better manage that?

For your pharmacy:

- Do you offer no-contact delivery or mail order so I can limit my time around other people?