

What does the CDC do for prostate cancer?

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



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

How can we improve things?

ZERO is supporting a funding level of **\$17.2 million** in Fiscal Year 2023 for the CDC's prostate cancer activities to increase outreach, education and resources for men at high risk of developing prostate cancer, including African-American men. This funding level would be an increase of \$3 million over the FY21 level of \$14.2 million, of which Congress designated \$1 million to support work with high-risk men. With additional monies in FY23, the CDC can fund prostate cancer support groups and increase outreach and education to help high-risk men make decisions that best meet their values and preferences.

We are requesting that the following language be included in the report accompanying the FY23 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act:

Prostate Cancer.— The Committee is aware of the continued rise in prostate cancer deaths and supports the CDC's work to increase public awareness of prostate cancer risks, screening and treatment in high-risk men. The Committee provides \$17,205,000 for the CDC's prostate cancer activities, including \$4,000,000 for initiatives to increase outreach and education among high-risk men, especially African-American men.