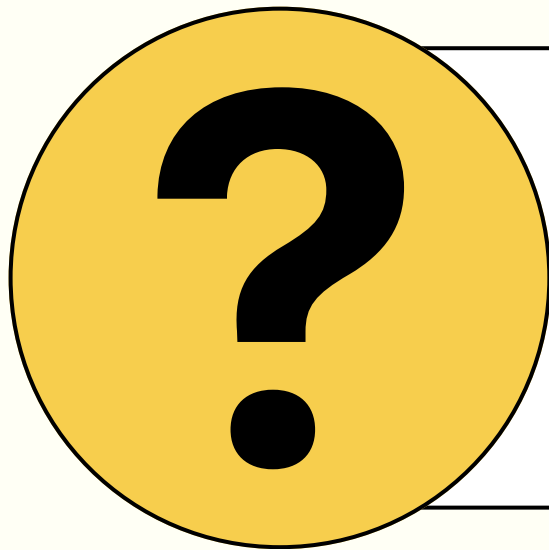




# PROSTATE SPECIFIC ANTIGEN (PSA)

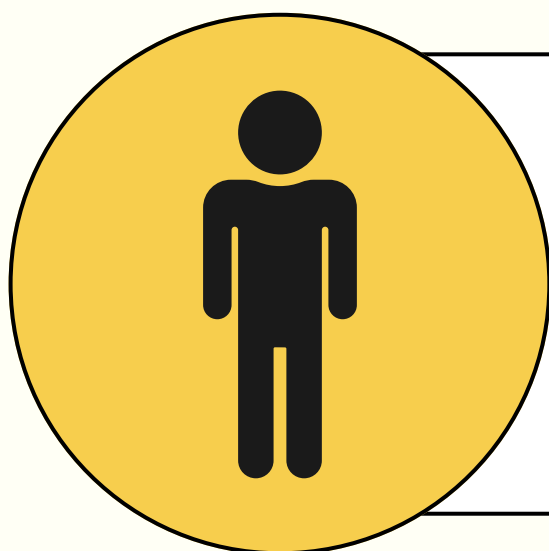
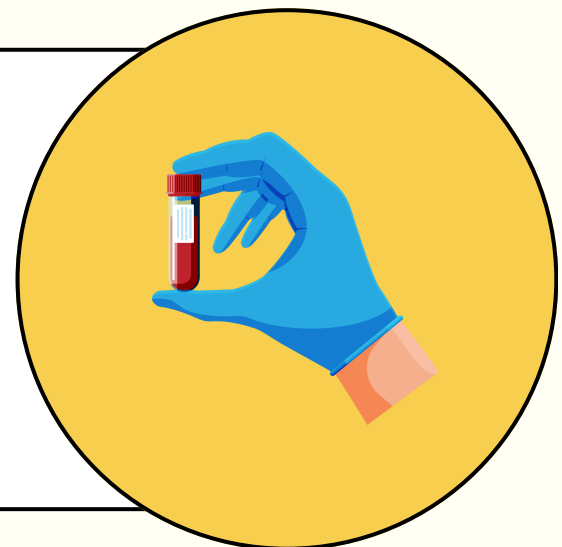


## WHAT IS PSA?

PSA stands for prostate specific antigen. It is a protein made by the prostate gland in men. PSA is measured in nanograms per milliliter. PSA is made by normal prostate cells as well as cancerous cells.

## WHAT IS IT USED FOR?

PSA is used to help screen for prostate cancer. The most common type of cancer in men, besides skin cancer. PSA can help track prostate cancer treatment success after diagnosis as well. A normal value for most individuals is less than 4 ng/mL.

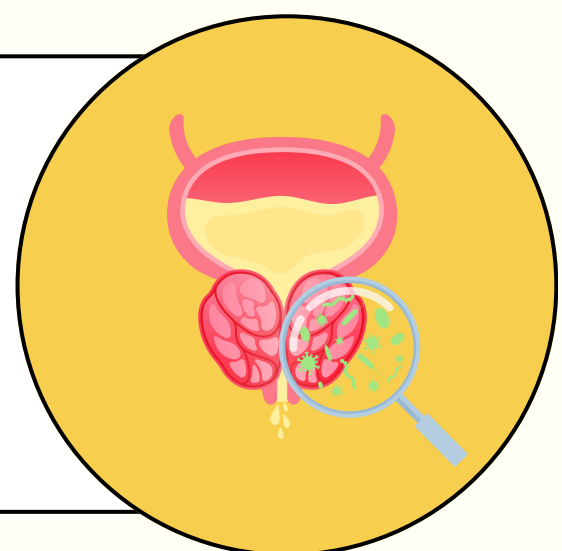


## WHO IS SCREENED WITH A PSA?

Men between the ages of 45-69 years old should have a discussion with their provider about screening for prostate cancer with a PSA blood test.

## WHAT CAN CAUSE IT TO BE ELEVATED?

PSA can be elevated from prostate cancer, an infection of the prostate, or benign prostatic hyperplasia. Although it can be elevated for many different things it is important to rule out cancer. If your PSA is elevated, your provider might refer you to a urologist for further testing and workup.



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