

# PROSTATE CANCER MYTHS ARE STILL WINNING. HERE ARE THE FACTS

## PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. This year, **313,000+ men in the United States** will be diagnosed with prostate cancer and 36,000 will die from the disease. Prostate cancer is 99% curable if caught early—but many men are never screened and do not know that screening starts with a simple blood test.



## MEN'S LIVES CAN BE SAVED THROUGH EARLY DETECTION



### THE FACT IS:

There is a simple blood-based screening option available to screen for prostate cancer called **the PSA test—the gold standard for prostate cancer screening** and an important tool for early diagnosis and treatment.

## RACIAL DISPARITY



**1 OUT OF 5**

Black men **don't know** they are at higher prostate cancer risk than the rest of the male population.

### THE FACT IS:

Black men are **more likely** to be diagnosed at a younger age, with **more aggressive** disease, and are more than **twice as likely** to die of prostate cancer.

## THE TAKEAWAY:

Black men are encouraged to reference PCF's prostate cancer screening guidelines for Black men to determine when they should be screened.



**For More Information:**  
Visit **pcf.org** for PCF's prostate cancer screening guidelines for Black men.

# PROSTATE CANCER KNOWLEDGE



**1 IN 6** men are not aware that prostate cancer is a cancer that can be screened.



Prostate cancer affects **1 IN 8 MEN**—a rate similar to breast cancer in women.

## PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING

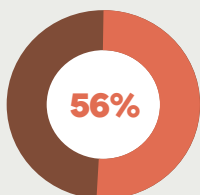
**23-25%**

of men are diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer, decreasing their chances for better outcomes made possible by early detection.

### THE FACT IS:

Men at average risk of prostate cancer are advised to start talking to their doctor about annual prostate cancer screening around age 45, while Black men and those with known risk factors should start as early as age 40.

## PROSTATE CANCER CONVERSATIONS



**56%** of men have NEVER had prostate cancer screening conversations with friends or loved ones.

### THE FACT IS:



Conversations about prostate cancer screening can be life-saving, especially for those at higher risk. Early detection starts with talking to your loved ones and doctors.

Since 1993, PCF has raised over \$1 billion to fund breakthrough prostate cancer research, directly contributing to 14 FDA-approved treatments for advanced and high-risk prostate cancer and significantly improving survival and quality of life for men worldwide.

**KEY TAKEAWAY:** This Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, help us speed up scientific breakthroughs and deliver new treatments to prostate cancer patients and families by donating.

Visit **PCF.org/PCAM** to learn more.

