

# The critical importance of understanding prognosis from prostate cancer in increasing uptake of active surveillance

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## Why NOT treating prostate cancer 'is best for most men': Thousands with slow-growing tumours are undergoing unnecessary treatment

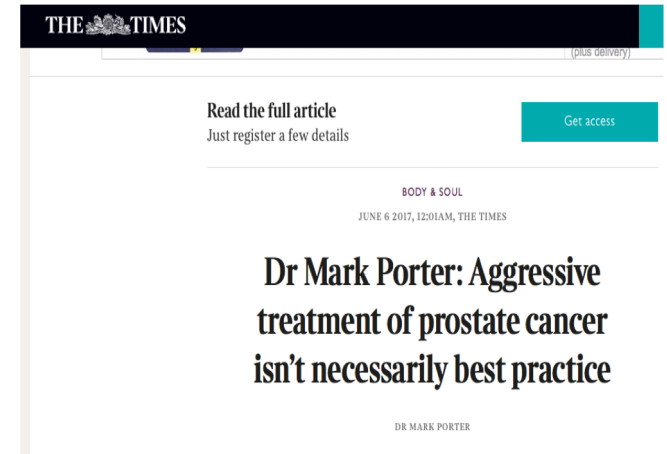
- Some slow-growing tumours will not spread and 'can never cause harm'
- But treatment can be debilitating and lead to depression and anxiety in patients
- Prostate cancer treatment can result in incontinence and loss of sex drive

**Daily Mail**

## Prostate cancer survival rates very high regardless of treatment, study finds

**The SUNDAY POST**

**Vs**



## Prostate cancer - the low key killer that must be stopped.

ITV REPORT 16 January 2020 at 12:01am

## Number of men dying from prostate cancer hits all-time high

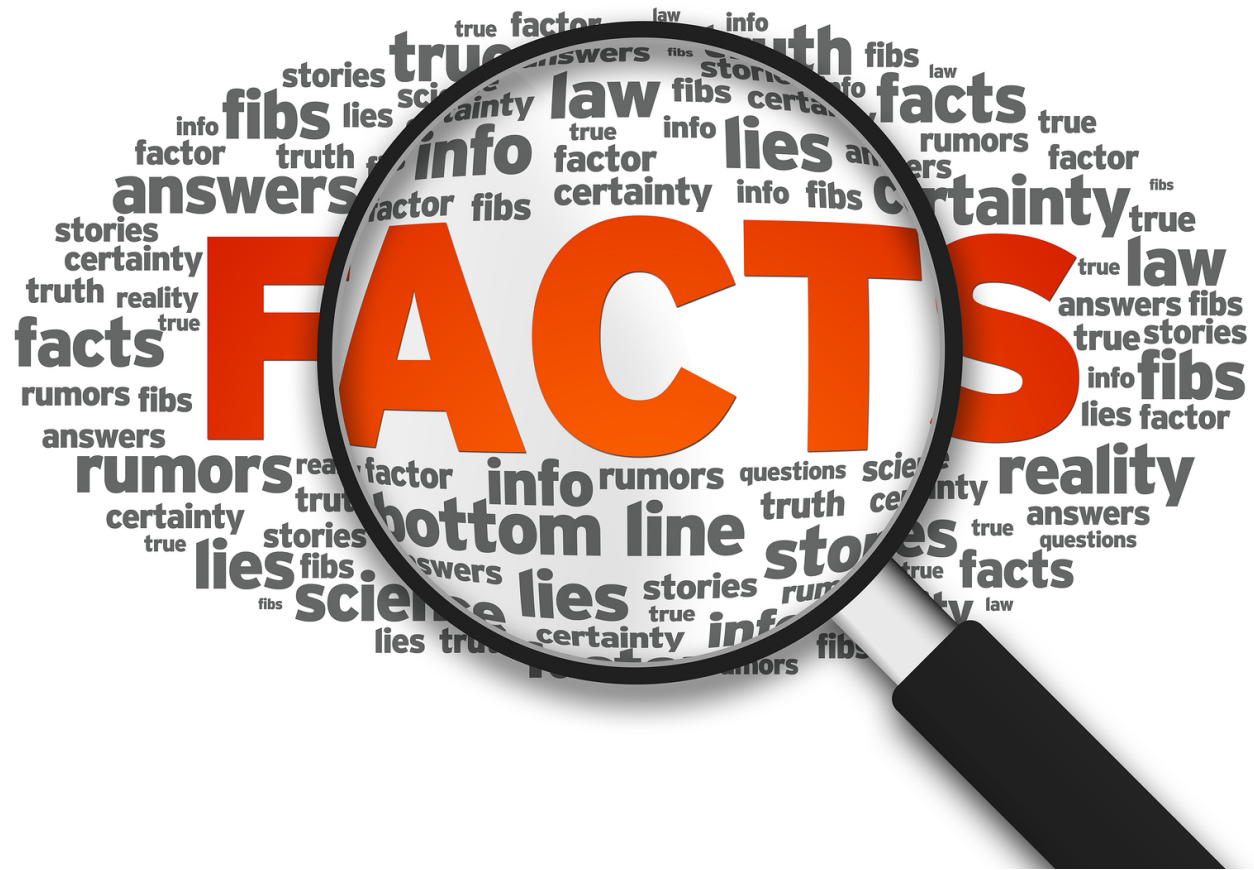
Prostate cancer now kills more in UK than breast cancer



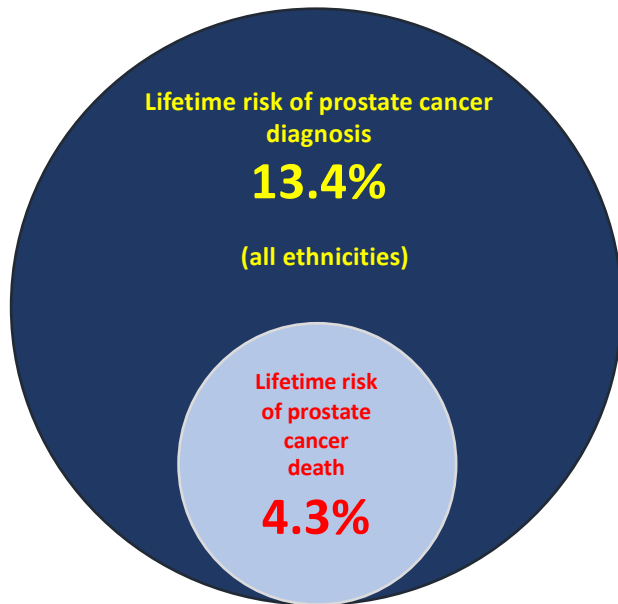
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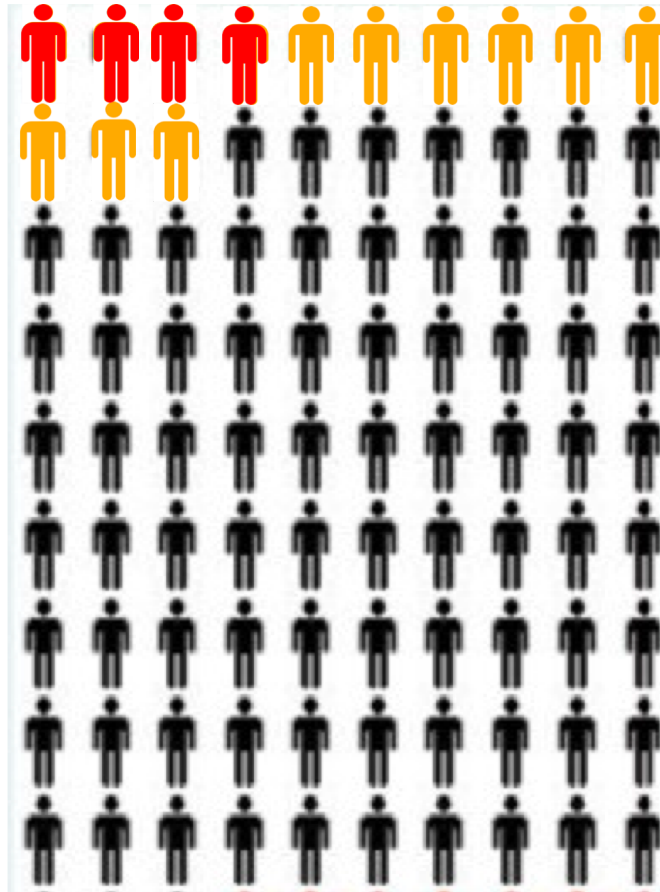




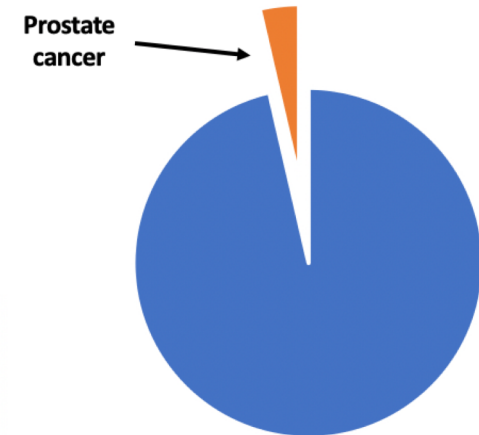
## How **lethal** is prostate cancer in the male population? **Only 4% of all male deaths**



Lloyd *et al* 2015



### ONS all male deaths 2023



**<0.01%** male 30-49y  
0.9% male 50-59y  
2.7% male 60-69y  
4.2% male 70-79y  
4.7% male 80-89y  
4.5% in males >90

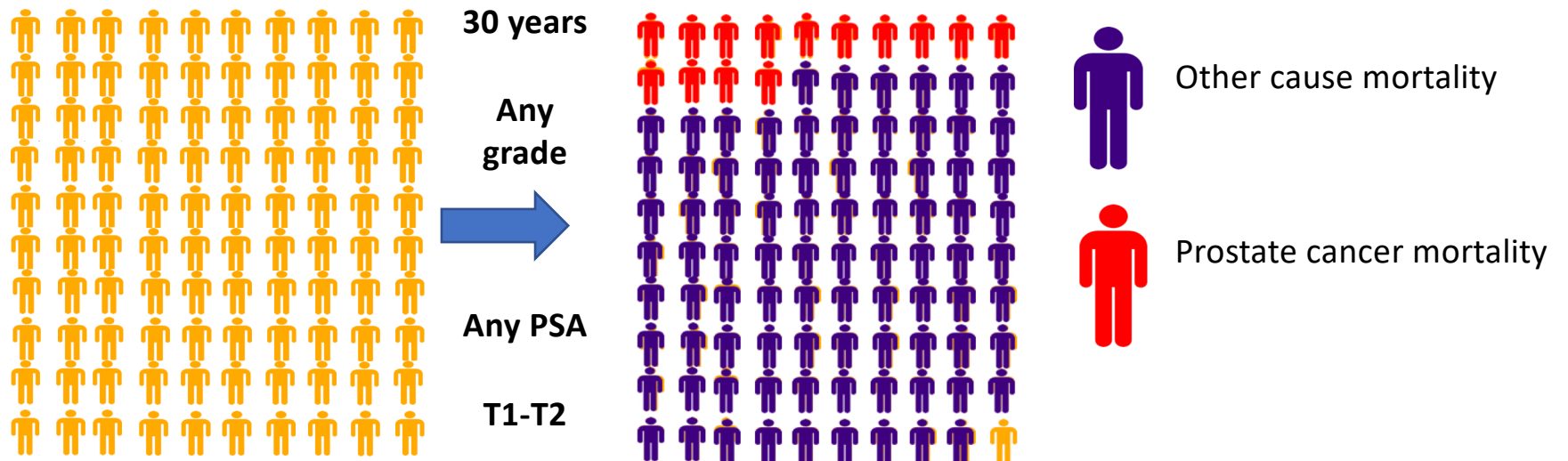
# How lethal is prostate cancer? What happens if you **don't treat** i.e. natural history

## Natural History of Early, Localized Prostate Cancer: A Final Report from Three Decades of Follow-up

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85% men died of other causes

Only 14% died due to prostate cancer



# The ProtecT Trial

## Prostate Testing for Cancer and Treatment

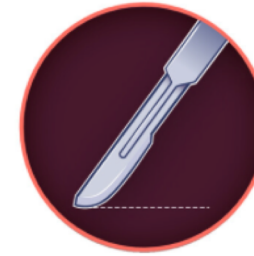
### CONCLUSIONS

Men with PSA-detected, localized prostate cancer who had been randomly assigned to active monitoring, prostatectomy, or radiotherapy had similarly low rates of death due to prostate cancer during a median 15 years of follow-up.

### Treatment Strategies for Prostate Cancer



Active Monitoring  
N=545

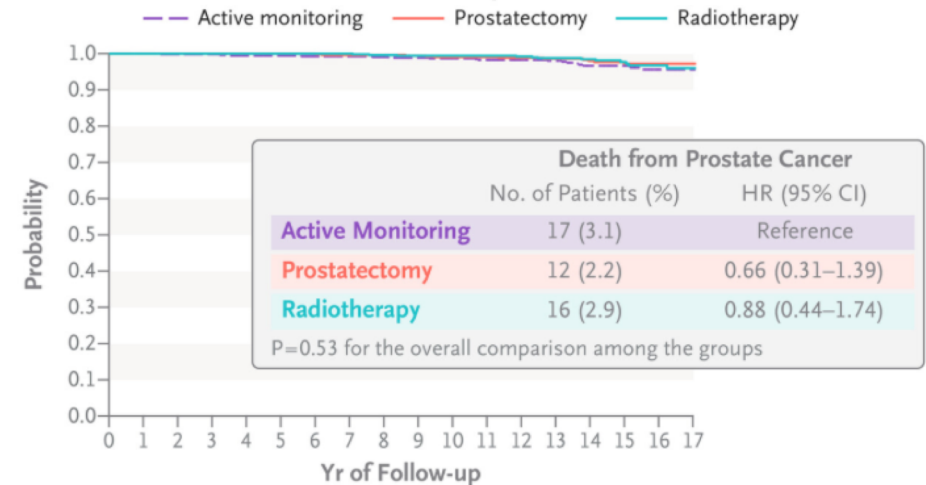


Prostatectomy  
N=553



Radiotherapy  
N=545

### Prostate Cancer–Specific Survival



**Prostate cancer is a cancer that is all about benefits and risks and personalized choice**



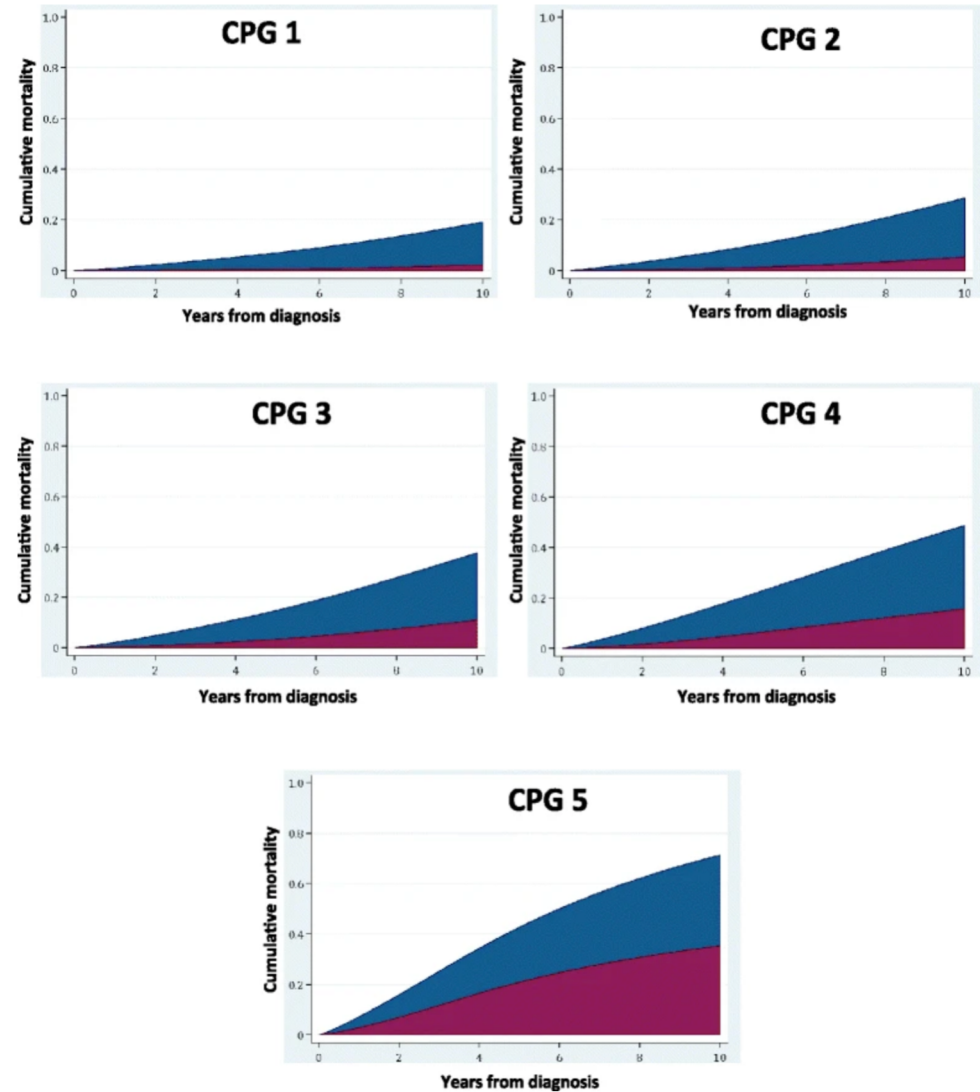
**NICE** National Institute for  
Health and Care Excellence

## Cambridge Prognostic Groups (CPG)

NICE stratifies prostate cancer into 5 groups  
to link management to the risk of the  
disease causing death/mortality

**Versus** other causes of mortality

**CPG1 and CPG2** - **40%** of all new  
cancer diagnosis in the UK each year  
(15-20,000 men)





## If not treatment then what management ?

**NICE** National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

### Active surveillance

A strategy to avoid over-treatment of disease which is unlikely to cause harm.

1.3.8 For people with CPG 1 [localised prostate cancer](#):

- offer [active surveillance](#)
- consider radical [prostatectomy](#) or radical radiotherapy if [active surveillance](#) is not suitable or acceptable to the person. [2019, amended 2021]

1.3.9 For people with CPG 2 localised prostate cancer, offer a choice between [active surveillance](#), radical prostatectomy or radical radiotherapy if radical treatment is suitable. [2019, amended 2021]

1.3.10 For people with CPG 3 localised prostate cancer:

- offer radical prostatectomy or radical radiotherapy and
- consider [active surveillance](#) (in line with recommendation 1.3.14) for people who choose not to have immediate radical treatment. [2019, amended 2021]

**NICE** National Institute for  
Health and Care Excellence



**predict prostate**

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### Predict Prostate

An individualised prognostic model for men newly diagnosed with non-metastatic prostate cancer

Endorsed by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence in the UK  
Recommended by the European Association of Urology Prostate cancer guidelines

[Start Predict](#) [Change Language](#)

*Did you mean to visit Predict Breast Cancer?*  
As Predict's usage grows, we have moved to a new URL. Please adjust your bookmarks.

#### What is Predict Prostate for?

Predict Prostate is a tool where the outcomes from conservative management (or monitoring) are compared with radical treatment (surgery or radiotherapy).

#### How do I use Predict Prostate?

Enter the details about yourself and your prostate cancer, and then select conservative management or radical treatment to see estimates of survival with each.

We recommend patients read the [About Predict](#) section before using the tool. Predict Prostate is only intended for use amongst men for whom both conservative management and radical treatment could both be appropriate options.

#### What will Predict Prostate tell me?

The Predict Prostate tool shows you how different initial management strategies affect the percentage of men that survive ten and fifteen years after diagnosis. Non-individualised data is also shown on the potential harms of each treatment type. [This short video](#) may help explain how Predict Prostate works.



**Predict Prostate** is a UK developed personalised prognostic tool to balance the risk from prostate cancer versus other competing risks to inform the need for treatment

Developed and validated in >350,000 men

Multiple ethnicities and age groups



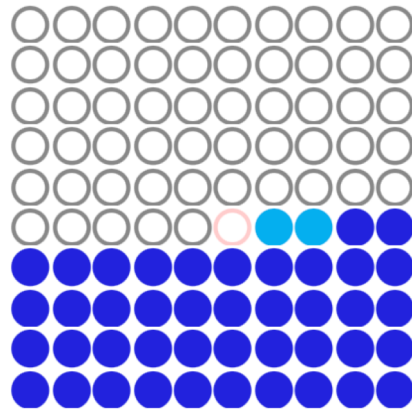


This table shows the percentage of men who survive at least   years after diagnosis, based on the information you have provided.

Treatment	Additional Benefit	Overall Survival %
Initial conservative management	-	42%
Radical treatment	1%	44%

If deaths from prostate cancer were excluded 45% would survive 10 years.

This display shows the outcomes for 100 men. These results are based on the inputs and treatments you selected   years after diagnosis

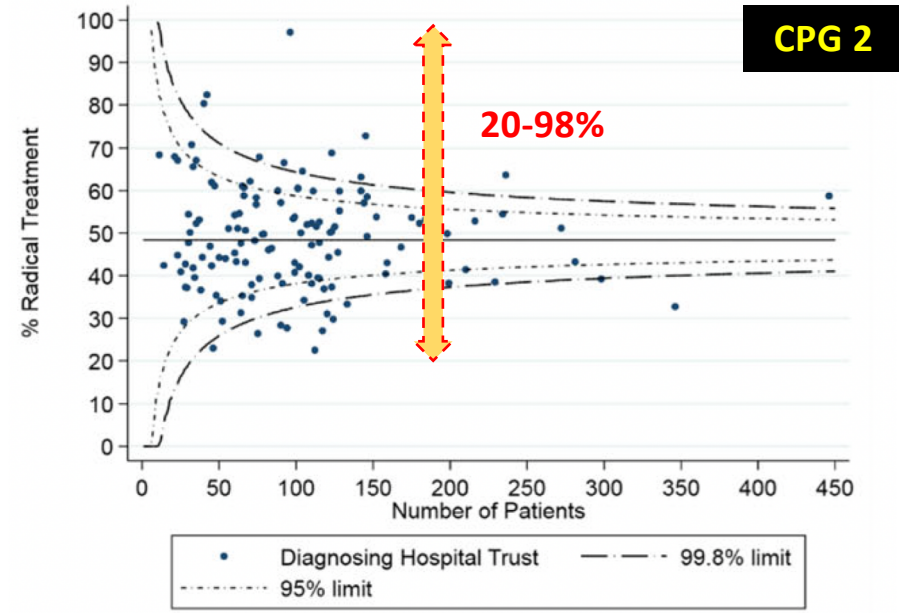
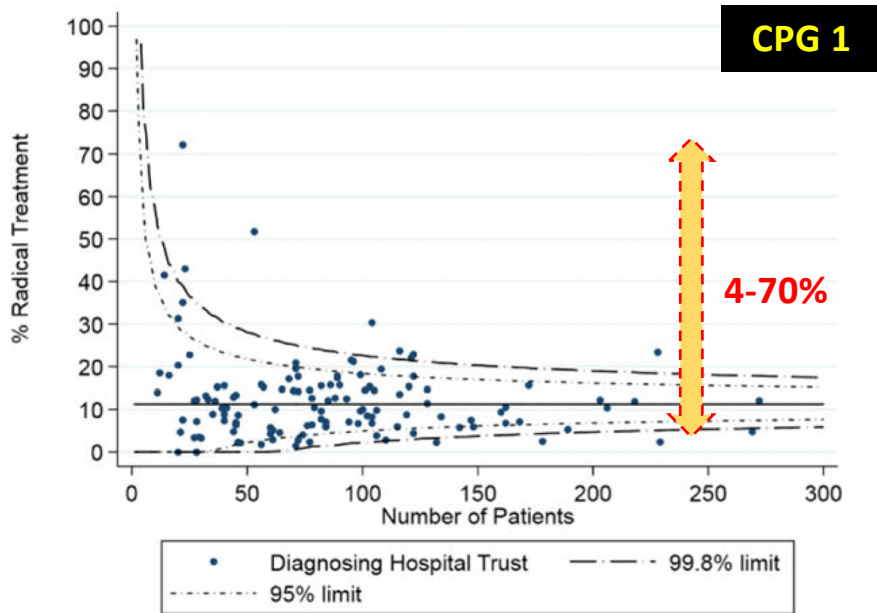


- 55 deaths due to other causes
- 1 prostate cancer related death
- 2 extra survivors due to radical treatment
- 42 survivors with initial conservative management

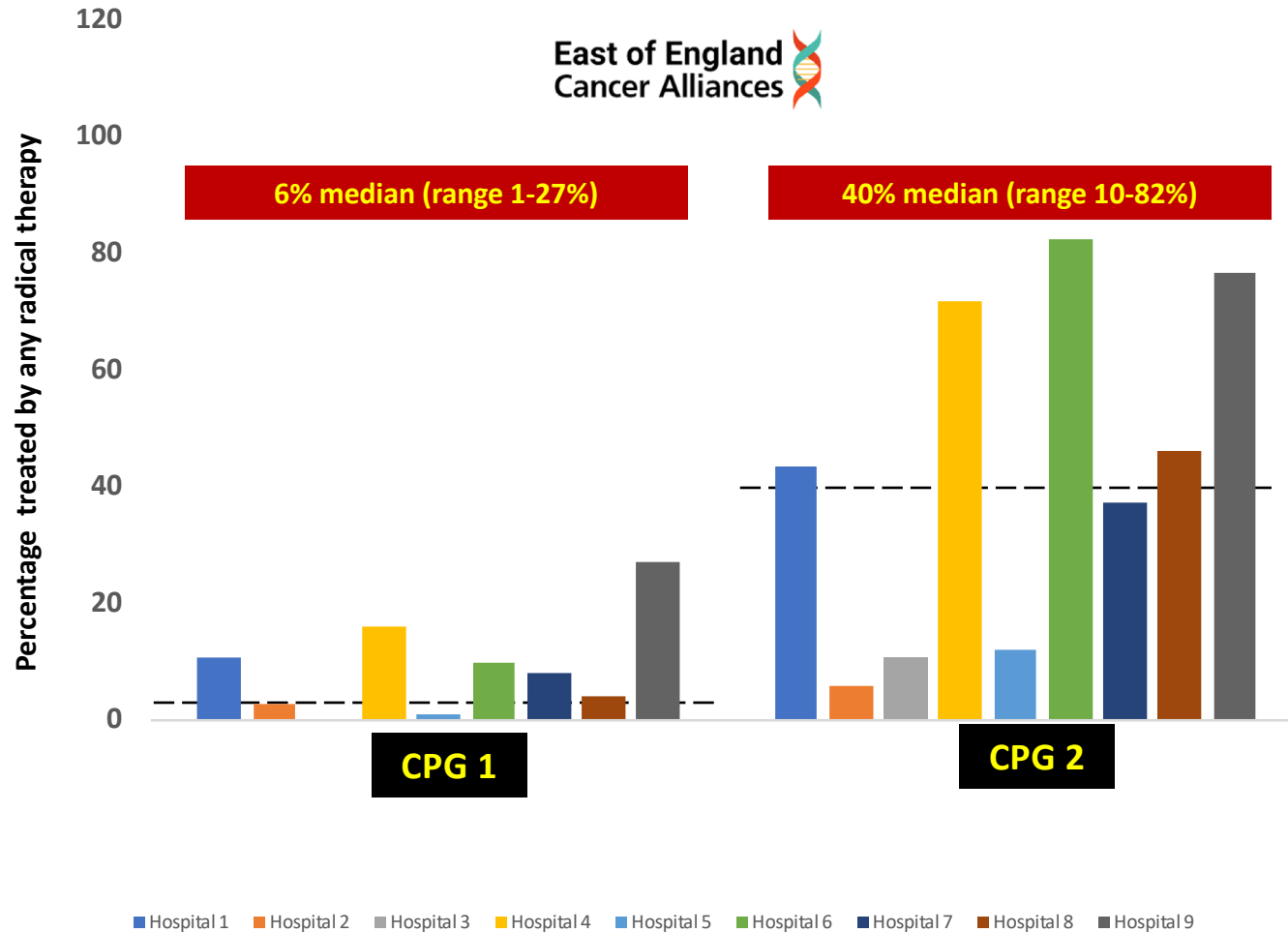




There is a **huge** variations in NHS treatment rates  
Significant **over-treatment** depending on where/by whom a man is seen



## Radical Treatment by CPG 2024 audit – 10 hospitals



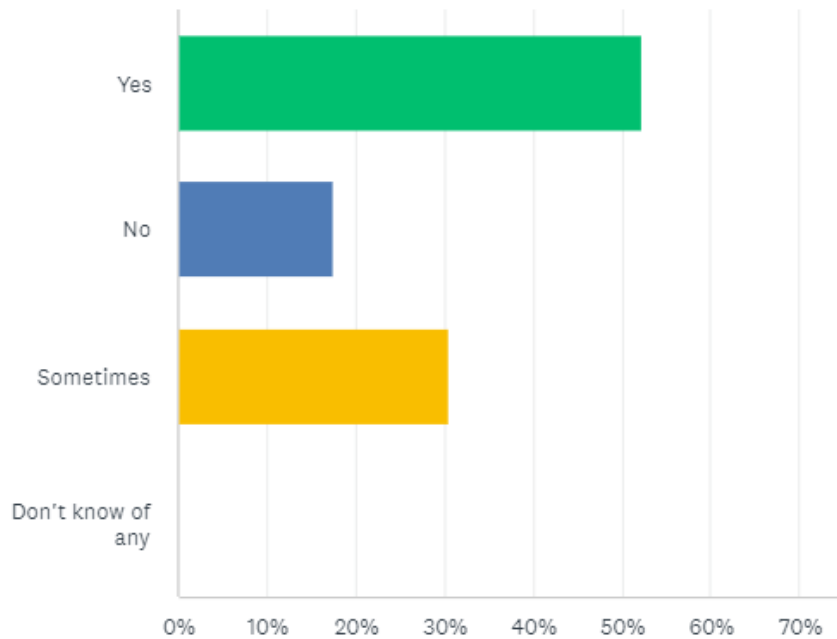
**A critical determinant of whether a man with early cancer gets advised to have treatment is where and by whom they have been seen – not their disease type**

# There is no UK standard for how men are counselled for prostate cancer and what tools are used

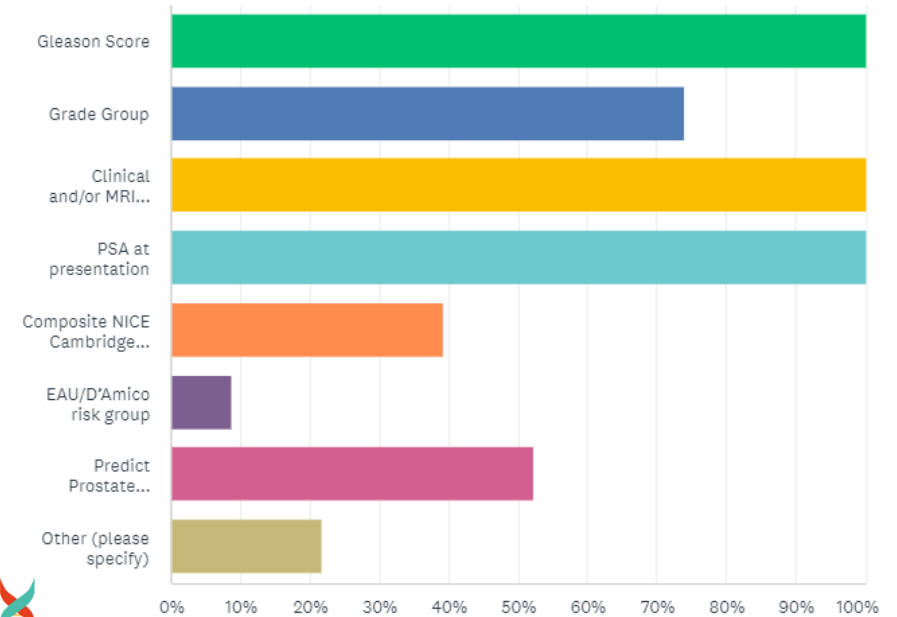
Despite NICE guidance on using CPG and Predict - Large variability in uptake

## POSTCODE LOTTERY

Do you use prognostic tools in your counselling?



What information do you give your patients?




**BJC**  
British Journal of Cancer

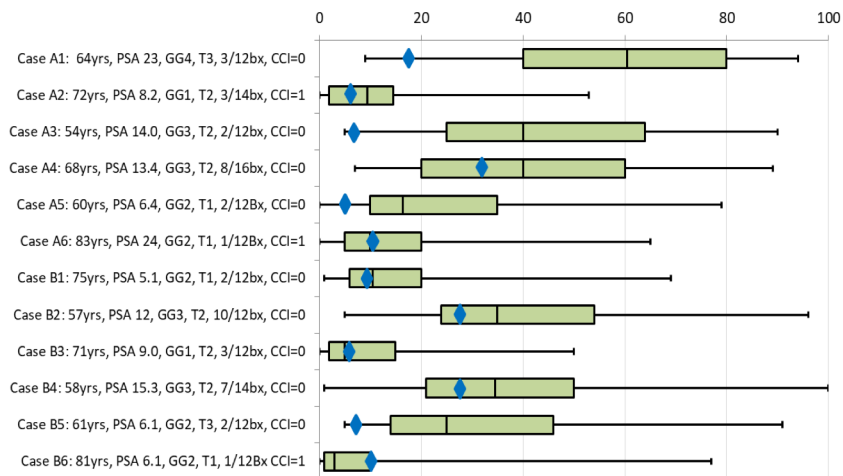
www.nature.com/bjc

**BRIEF COMMUNICATION**  
Clinical Study

Understanding of prognosis in non-metastatic prostate cancer: a randomised comparative study of clinician estimates measured against the *PREDICT prostate* prognostic model

 The range of opinions from clinicians on how likely the disease would result in prostate cancer mortality

 The actual mortality risk from prostate cancer



**Using CPG and Predict prognostic tools is proven to**

**Reduce variations in clinician likelihood of recommending over-treatment**

**58%**

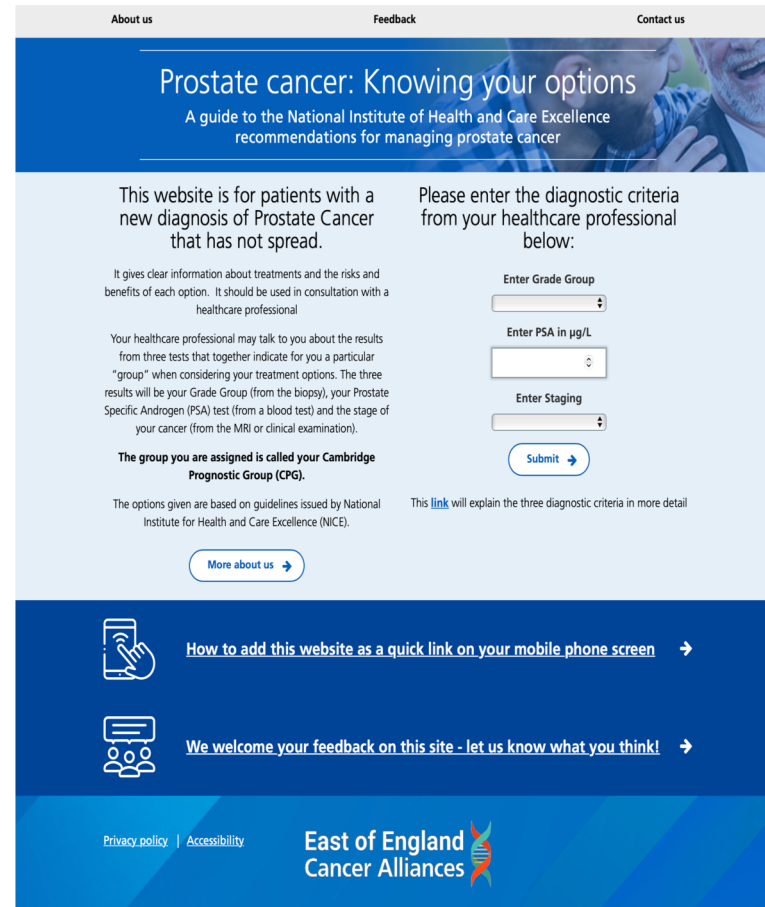


The reduction impact in clinicians changing their recommendations to have treatment after using the Predict Prostate estimates



# To reduce over-treatment and national variations We need

- Adherence and compliance with NICE recommendations and tools
- A standardized method to provide information and counselling
- A national program of clinician re-education
- Patient empowerment to access National Guidance **without** the arbitrary knowledge base of who they may see and where



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## Prostate cancer: Knowing your options

A guide to the National Institute of Health and Care Excellence recommendations for managing prostate cancer

This website is for patients with a new diagnosis of Prostate Cancer that has not spread.

It gives clear information about treatments and the risks and benefits of each option. It should be used in consultation with a healthcare professional.

Your healthcare professional may talk to you about the results from three tests that together indicate for you a particular "group" when considering your treatment options. The three results will be your Grade Group (from the biopsy), your Prostate Specific Androgen (PSA) test (from a blood test) and the stage of your cancer (from the MRI or clinical examination).

**The group you are assigned is called your Cambridge Prognostic Group (CPG).**

The options given are based on guidelines issued by National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE). [This link](#) will explain the three diagnostic criteria in more detail.

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Enter Grade Group

Enter PSA in µg/L

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The solution of every problem is  
another problem

~ Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

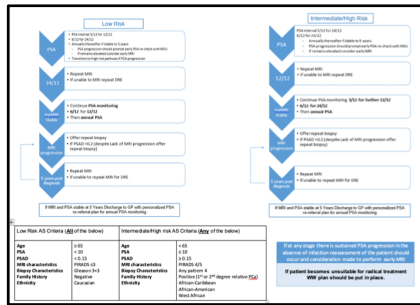
AZ QUOTES

If we dont need to offer radical treatment then we need  
to have something else just as good to monitor men



# BUT.....Active Surveillance the Wild West of prostate cancer management

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Delete as appropriate	Standard Operational Procedure
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TARGET AUDIENCE:	Urology Cancer Team within East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust Out-Patient / Reception Clinic Outcome Booking Teams
DOCUMENT PURPOSE:	This procedure has been developed to enable the Trust to deliver the elements of the NHS Long Term Plan which are key to the Personalised Care agenda It includes details of the administrative process to enable Prostate cancer patients to enter personalised stratified follow-up pathways



<p>GMCA Greater Manchester Cancer Alliance</p> <p>Greater Manchester Cancer Urology Pathway Board</p> <p>PROPOSED REVISION TO ACTIVE SURVEILLANCE GUIDELINES</p>		
Procedure reference	Version:	Version 7
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Other associated policies:		
Target audience:	Greater Manchester Urology Clinical staff	
Active Surveillance Task and Finish Group members:	Jeremy Oates, Mayra Leonora, Nigel Clarke, Vincent Yang, Maurice Liu, Richard James Brough, Vicky Ramani	

**Northern Cancer Alliance**  
Follow up guidelines for prostate cancer patients  
2019/2020

Developed and endorsed by the Northern Cancer Alliance Urology Pathway Board

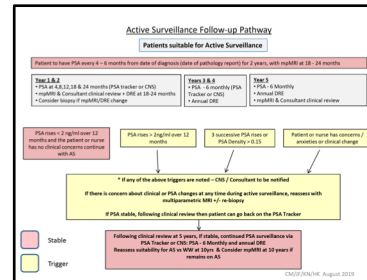
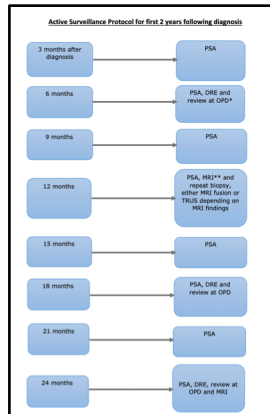
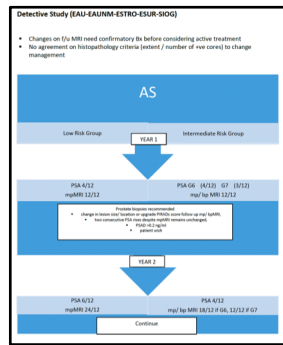
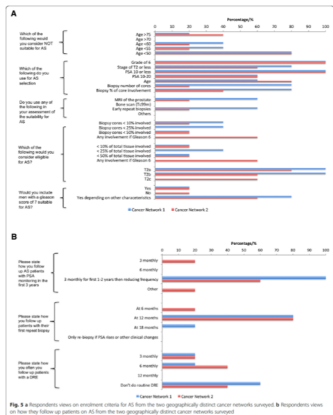
**Cheshire & Merseyside Cancer Alliance**

Protocol for Supported Self-Management in the follow up of Breast, Colorectal and Prostate cancer

**CLINICIANS GUIDE TO PROSTATE CANCER PERSONALISED STRATIFIED FOLLOW UP (PSFU) - SUPPORTED SELF MANAGEMENT**



<b>Active Surveillance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum focus 2mm or less GS &lt; 3+4 on template biopsy (&gt;1 focus permissible; maximum focus 5mm)</li> <li>Biopsy DRE</li> <li>Multiparametric (Mp) MRI no dominant lesion or small lesion (&lt;5mm) matching biopsy location suitable for monitoring</li> <li>Stable PSA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1-2: PSA every 3 months</li> <li>Year 3 onwards: PSA every 6 months</li> <li>Annual MRI</li> <li>Annual HNA</li> <li>*Health MOT with every PSA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PSA velocity 1ng/ml per year or doubling time less than 4 months or 3 consecutive rises</li> <li>Change in MRI findings</li> <li>Symptomatic: Troublesome LUTS, visible haematuria, weight loss, bone pain lasting &gt;6 weeks</li> <li>Patient request</li> </ul>
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**Dartford AS protocol**

Inclusion criteria:

- GS 3-9
- Favourable 3+4 after MDM discussion
- PSA < 10
- Max core length < 6cm
- Number of cores involved < 3/10
- Clinically T2 and MRI show organ confined disease
- Continuation in MDM

Follow up:

At enrolment: TP systematic biopsy unless already performed

Year 1:

- PSA every 3 months
- DRE every 6 months
- MRI at 12-18 months
- Year 2 onwards:
- PSA every 6 months
- DRE every 1 year
- MRI every 2-3 years

If rising PSA - consider repeat MRI - re-biopsy if MRI progression - consider repeat PSA

Indication for intervention:

- Continued PSA rise
- MRI progression
- By urologist
- Patient choice

**Active Surveillance Protocol for Low and Intermediate Risk Prostate Cancer at WHHT**

To be considered for Active Surveillance, ALL of the following criteria need to be fulfilled:

- An MRI from this institution (diffusion weighted imaging)
- 3 positive biopsies of 10 or 12 cores from 12 or more systematic 12mm triggered biopsies on TRUS or from Prostatectomy (depending on clinical scenario)
- Low risk intermediate risk (based on the following criteria):
- PSA < 10
- PSA density < 0.15
- PSA velocity < 0.2
- No high grade foci (Gleason 4+5)
- No high grade foci (> 5mm) on mpMRI
- No high grade foci (> 5mm) on TRUS biopsy (if more than 10% of the prostate is more than 10mm)
- No high grade foci (> 5mm) on TRUS biopsy (if more than 10% of the prostate is more than 10mm)
- The patient has been seen in the clinic for monitoring (see next appointment)
- Followed (checked)
- The case has been discussed in the local multidisciplinary team

**CANCER ALLIANCE**

Active surveillance regimens for localized prostate cancer for NHS Cancer Alliance

Risk stratification criteria:

- Low risk:
  - PSA < 10
  - Maximum 3+4 = 4
  - High risk - 10 or more cores > 4
- Intermediate risk:
  - Low risk - visible lesion consistent with biopsy features
  - Maximum 3+4 = 4
  - High risk - 10 or more cores > 4
  - High risk - 10 or more cores > 4

Regimens:

- Diagnosis of suitable men:
  - All cases will have a systematic MRI and biopsy
  - Diagnosis biopsy is adequate to men undergoing AS
  - Diagnosis of cancer of 10 or more cores > 4
- Low risk active surveillance:
  - PSA < 10
  - High risk - 10 or more cores > 4
  - High risk - 10 or more cores > 4
- Intermediate risk active surveillance:
  - Low risk - visible lesion consistent with biopsy features
  - High risk - 10 or more cores > 4
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- High risk active surveillance:
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**NO well evidenced standard**

**NO set protocol**

**NO quality control**

**NO measurable outcome**

**NO agreed budget/resources**

**NO investment**

**NOT a PRIORITY for cancer targets**

**NO dedicated team/staff**

**Active surveillance  
does not have a quality benchmark**



**Any interventional  
treatment for prostate  
cancer**



**Active surveillance**



To have good active surveillance practice

We need

A national **standardized way to do active surveillance with clear guidelines and outcome measures**

**Empower men to be aware of their management and what to look out for**

Have a **clear evidence based protocol with end points and triggers for better management**

Ensure **men are supported** while on AS and equally be aware early of disease progression that needs treatment



**Patient confidence**



**Active Surveillance for Early Prostate Cancer: Recommended Risk stratified follow-up schedule.**

Active surveillance refers to monitoring of early prostate cancer. The aim of active surveillance is to avoid treatment unless the cancer develops to a stage where it may cause harm. In formal comparison studies it has been found to be as good as immediate treatment in terms of survival (the risk of dying of prostate cancer).

In men with Cambridge Prognostic Group (CPG) 1 or CPG2 prostate cancer, active surveillance is a recommended option for managing prostate cancer by the UK National Institute for Health Care Excellence (NICE). To read about the NICE recommendations and what CPG means, please access the East of England Cancer Alliance website and NICE Guidance Information website - links found on this page.

[Visit the NICE Cambridge Prognostic Group website](#)

The Stratified Cancer Surveillance (STRATCANS) programme has been developed to provide a personalised schedule for monitoring as part of active surveillance. The evidence for this webtool and recommendations come from the Department of Urology, Cambridge University Hospital and University of Cambridge. The references for this work can be accessed below. STRATCANS tailors the intervals for PSA test, repeat MRI scans and need for repeat biopsies based on the risks of a cancer progressing to a stage where treatment is usually recommended. This is based on the NICE guidelines and defined as reaching a stage of Cambridge Prognostic Group 3 or higher. It also assumes all diagnosis biopsies were using MRI guidance to sample from targets as well as systematic cores and that there is no disease reclassification from a re-biopsy within 1 year of diagnosis.

Use of this STRATCANS webtool is entirely the responsibility of the health care team involved and assumes full counselling and that all

Please enter the data to derive the optimal follow-up schedule based on individual prognosis and risks. If you are a patient you can get this information from your health care provider.

PSA at diagnosis or level at the point surveillance follow-up intensity is changed

Grade Group

MRI stage at diagnosis

MRI PIRADS/LUKERT SCORE at diagnosis or if an updated score is given during surveillance

Prostate Volume (mls)

PSA Density

NICE Cambridge Prognostic Group

(\* If the patient is on 5 Alpha reductase inhibitors, use the corrected PSA as the guide)



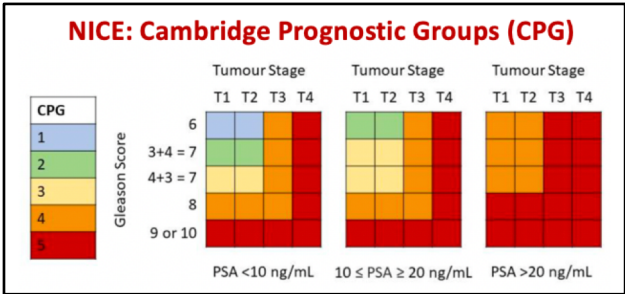
Active Surveillance Hub

**Personalised Risk Stratified Active Surveillance**

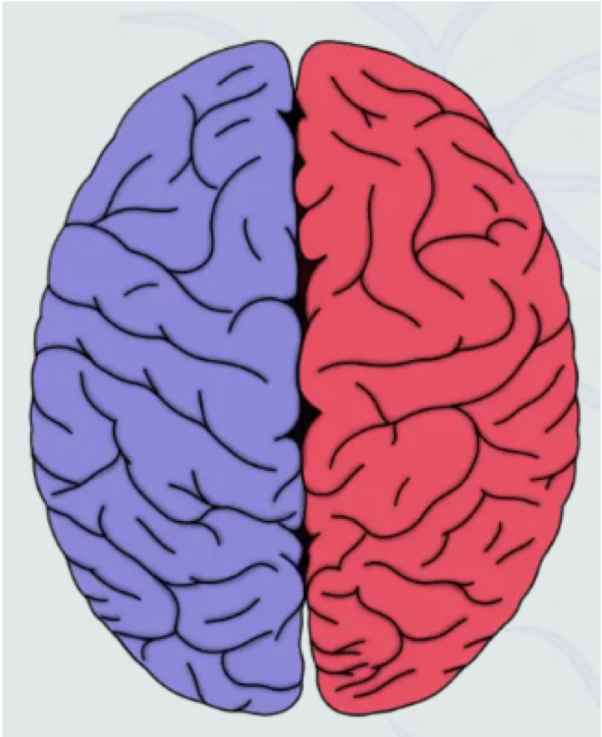
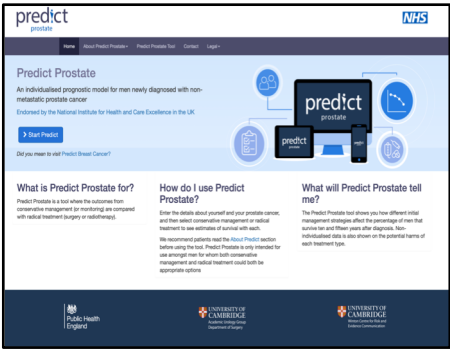
Implementation toolkit for men with Cambridge Prognostic Group 1 (CPG1) or CPG2 prostate cancer.



# To reduce over-treatment of prostate cancer We need both



**Educated doctors and nurses to understand prognosis and use national endorsed guidance and tools.**



**NICE** National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

**Active surveillance**

**Robust, standardized and well resourced  
Active Surveillance programmes in the NHS**





IT'S IMPOSSIBLE  
TO MAKE AN  
INFORMED DECISION  
WHEN YOU'RE IN  
THE DARK

Willetts