

# Managing Prostate Cancer: Guide For Living Better

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among men in the United States, with over 191,930 new cases diagnosed in 2020. While a diagnosis of prostate cancer can be overwhelming, it's important to remember that you're not alone and that there are effective treatments available. This guide will provide you with the essential knowledge and support you need to manage your prostate cancer journey and live a better life.



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## Understanding Prostate Cancer

Prostate cancer is a cancer that develops in the prostate gland, a small organ located below the bladder in men. The prostate gland produces fluid that is part of semen. Prostate cancer can be either localized (confined to the prostate gland) or metastatic (spread to other parts of the body). The

most common type of prostate cancer is adenocarcinoma, which begins in the glands that produce fluid for semen.

## **Symptoms of Prostate Cancer**

In the early stages, prostate cancer often does not cause any symptoms. As the cancer grows, it may cause symptoms such as:

- Difficulty urinating
- Frequent urination, especially at night
- Weak or interrupted urine stream
- Pain or burning during urination
- Blood in the urine or semen
- Pain in the lower back, pelvis, or thighs
- Erectile dysfunction

## **Diagnosis of Prostate Cancer**

Prostate cancer is typically diagnosed through a combination of a blood test (PSA test) and a physical exam (digital rectal exam). If either of these tests suggests that you may have prostate cancer, your doctor will recommend a biopsy to confirm the diagnosis. A biopsy is a procedure in which a small sample of tissue is removed from the prostate gland and examined under a microscope.

## **Treatment Options for Prostate Cancer**

The treatment options for prostate cancer will vary depending on the stage of the cancer and your overall health. Treatment options may include:

- **Active surveillance:** This option is for men with low-risk prostate cancer that is unlikely to spread. Active surveillance involves monitoring the cancer with regular PSA tests and biopsies.
- **Surgery:** Surgery to remove the prostate gland (radical prostatectomy) is a common treatment for localized prostate cancer. There are two main types of radical prostatectomy: open radical prostatectomy and laparoscopic radical prostatectomy.
- **Radiation therapy:** Radiation therapy uses high-energy beams to kill cancer cells. Radiation therapy can be given externally (from outside the body) or internally (from inside the body).
- **Hormone therapy:** Hormone therapy is used to lower the levels of male hormones (androgens) in the body. Androgens can stimulate the growth of prostate cancer cells.
- **Chemotherapy:** Chemotherapy uses drugs to kill cancer cells. Chemotherapy is typically used for advanced prostate cancer that has spread to other parts of the body.

## Living With Prostate Cancer

Living with prostate cancer can be challenging, but it is important to remember that you are not alone. There are many resources available to help you manage your cancer journey and live a better life.

Here are some tips for living with prostate cancer:

- **Educate yourself about your cancer.** The more you know about prostate cancer, the better equipped you will be to make informed decisions about your treatment and care.

- **Find a support group.** Support groups can provide you with emotional support and practical advice from other men who are living with prostate cancer.
- **Exercise regularly.** Exercise can help to improve your overall health and well-being, and it may also help to reduce the risk of prostate cancer recurrence.
- **Eat a healthy diet.** A healthy diet can help to boost your immune system and reduce your risk of chronic diseases, including prostate cancer.
- **Get regular checkups.** Regular checkups are important to monitor your cancer and ensure that you are getting the best possible care.

Prostate cancer is a serious disease, but it is important to remember that there is hope. With the right treatment and support, you can live a long and fulfilling life with prostate cancer. This guide has provided you with the essential knowledge and support you need to manage your prostate cancer journey and live a better life.

Remember, you are not alone. There are many resources available to help you cope with prostate cancer and live a full and active life.



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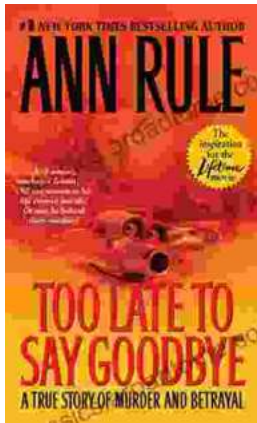
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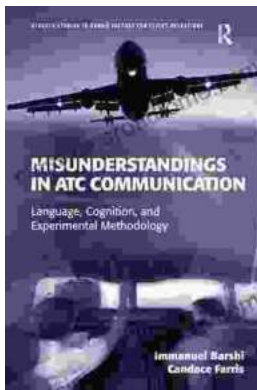
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