

Sent by email to: SELCA Covid 19 Primary Care Communications Group

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Dear colleague,

SE London Cancer Alliance (SELCA) - Urology Tumour Group: PSA Testing in Primary Care

Currently, in line with the Prostate Cancer Risk Management Programme (PCRMP) published by Public Health Englandⁱ, the PSA test is available free to any asymptomatic patient with a prostate who is aged 50 and over who requests a test. GPs should use their clinical judgement to manage symptomatic prostate patients and those aged under 50 (asymptomatic) who are considered to have a higher risk of prostate cancer. Routine screening for prostate cancer is not a national policy because the benefits have not been shown to clearly outweigh the harmⁱⁱ.

However, due to the ethnically diverse demographic of the South East London population, the SE London Urology Tumour Group strongly endorses the following principle:

GPs in Primary Care within South East London are encouraged to undertake opportunistic PSA testing on patients with a prostate who are a) aged 45 and over, and b) have either/both:

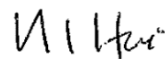
- **A clear family history of prostate cancer**
- **Black / Caribbean ethnicity**

We request your support to adopt this recommendation as a matter of priority.

Regards



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ⁱ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prostate-specific-antigen-testing-explanation-and-implementation/advising-well-men-about-the-psa-test-for-prostate-cancer-information-for-gps>

ⁱⁱ <https://cks.nice.org.uk/topics/prostate-cancer/diagnosis/psa-testing/>