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MEDICAL REPORTS VITAL FOR SELECTING PROSTATE CANCER TREATMENT

1 PSA BLOOD TEST



- PSA is used for cancer detection, staging, and for guiding treatment strategy.
- Changes in PSA levels overtime reveal trends in cancer growth or regression.
- Learn why PSA matters, visit: pcri.org/psa

2 DIGITAL RECTAL EXAM (DRE)



- DRE checks for a bump on your prostate.
- Bumps are assigned a "T" stage, depending on their size.
- Learn about "T" stage (clinical stage), visit: pcri.org/medicalchart

3 THE CANCER'S GRADE (Gleason Score)



- Cancer cells are extracted for the prostate with a needle biopsy for microscopic review.
- The grading system is called the "Gleason score"
- The lowest score is 6 and the highest is 10.
- To learn about biopsy reports visit: pcri.org/biopsyreports

4 BODY SCANS



- Scans of the prostate and other areas of the body reveal the the cancer's extent.
- The results of bone scans, MRIs, CTs, PET scans, and ultrasounds are reported in the medical chart.
- To learn more about body scans visit: pcri.org/imaging

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