

4 MEDICAL REPORTS VITAL FOR SELECTING PROSTATE CANCER TREATMENT

PSA BLOOD TEST



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

THE DREADED FINGER EXAM (DRE)



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

THE CANCER'S GRADE



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

BODY SCANS



- Scans of the prostate or other areas of the body reveal 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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