



Oregon Urological Society Summer Update

MISSION

To enhance the delivery and quality of urologic care through education and advocacy for patients and health care providers.

OUS Requests Governor to Proclaim September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Below is the draft language submitted to Governor Brown for her consideration

Proposed Oregon Prostate Cancer Proclamation

- WHEREAS: One in nine men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during his lifetime;ⁱ and
- WHEREAS: Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among American men and the most commonly diagnosed;ⁱⁱ and
- WHEREAS: In 2018 there are expected to be about 164,690 new cases of prostate cancer and about 29,430 deaths from prostate cancer.ⁱⁱⁱ In Oregon, it is estimated that 2,040^{iv} men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer and that 450^v will lose their battle to this disease in 2018; and
- WHEREAS: Prostate cancer affects all races and socioeconomic classes. However, African American men are at an increased risk for developing prostate cancer compared to white men and other men of color. One in six African American men will develop prostate cancer in his lifetime;^{iv} and
- WHEREAS: Overall, African American men are 1.7 times more likely to be diagnosed with—and 2.3 times more likely to die from—prostate cancer than white men. African American men are also slightly more likely than white men to be diagnosed with advanced stages of the disease;^v and
- WHEREAS: Finding prostate cancer when it is still at an early stage offers the best hope for effective treatment and living cancer free;^{vi} and
- WHEREAS: If the disease progresses to metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (CRPC), the prognosis is poor with median survival of about 3 years^{vii} and
- WHEREAS: The patient, family, health, and economic burdens of prostate cancer, particularly of advanced stage cancer are large; and
- WHEREAS: Improved awareness of prostate cancer, understanding of increased risks for developing it, as well as access to recent medical advances that may extend the time a patient lives without their cancer spreading are important to improve patient outcomes; and

WHEREAS: Shared decision making between the patient, his family and other caregivers, and a physician is important to support the appropriate care for an individual's clinical situation; and

WHEREAS: Patients should consult their physicians regarding individual risk to developing prostate cancer as well as when screening and related tests for early detection of prostate cancer are indicated, and to understand the risks and possible benefits of screening; and

WHEREAS: Individuals diagnosed with prostate cancer can speak with their physician and other health care providers to learn more about the disease, and find support groups and services in their community or online; and

WHEREAS: Additional focus is needed on the personal and social burdens of prostate cancer, to anticipate the needs and provide support to the patient, his family and other caregivers; and

WHEREAS: There is still more research to be done for prostate cancer so that new and more effective treatments can be developed. Oregon will continue to push for critical research and advance treatments for prostate cancer; and

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **September 2018** to be

“Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.” I ask the citizens of Oregon to become informed and aware of prostate cancer so that they can have an informed conversation with their healthcare provider regarding possible screening and diagnostic methods and, if necessary, treatments to improve health outcomes and psychosocial support for people affected by prostate cancer.

ⁱ <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/prostate-cancer/about/key-statistics.html>

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^{iv} https://cancerstatisticscenter.cancer.org/?_ga=2.12878581.394954341.1533840041-1877383249.1532532209#!/data-analysis/module/BmVYeqHT?type=barGraph

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^{iv} <https://zerocancer.org/learn/about-prostate-cancer/risks/african-americans-prostate-cancer/>

^v <https://zerocancer.org/learn/about-prostate-cancer/risks/african-americans-prostate-cancer/>

^{vi} <https://zerocancer.org/learn/about-prostate-cancer/facts-statistics/>

^{vii} <http://www.cancernetwork.com/oncology-journal/treatment-nonmetastatic-castration-resistant-prostate-cancer>