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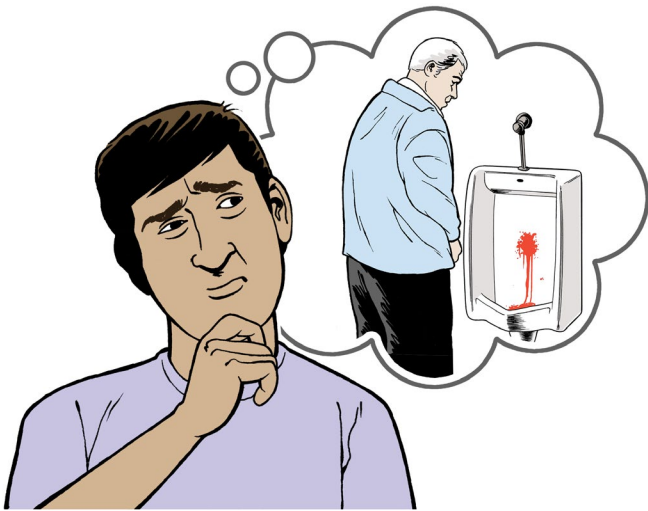




# About this easy read booklet



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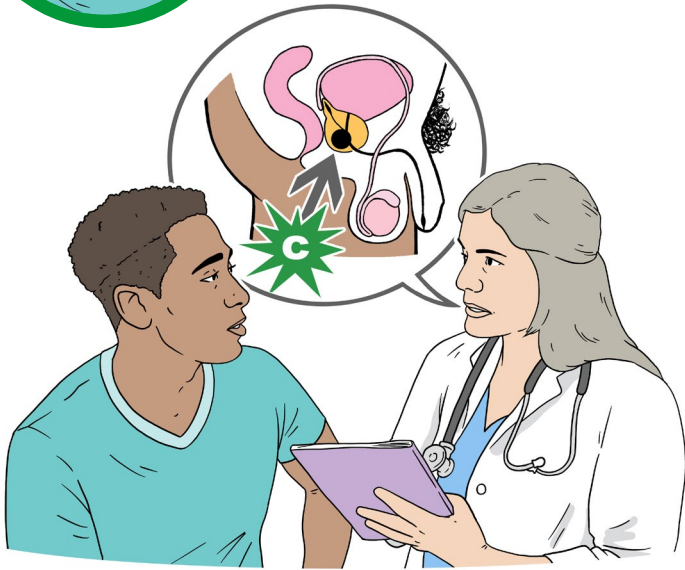
You can learn about symptoms of prostate cancer that need to be checked straight away.



If you are worried about your health, you should talk to a doctor or nurse.



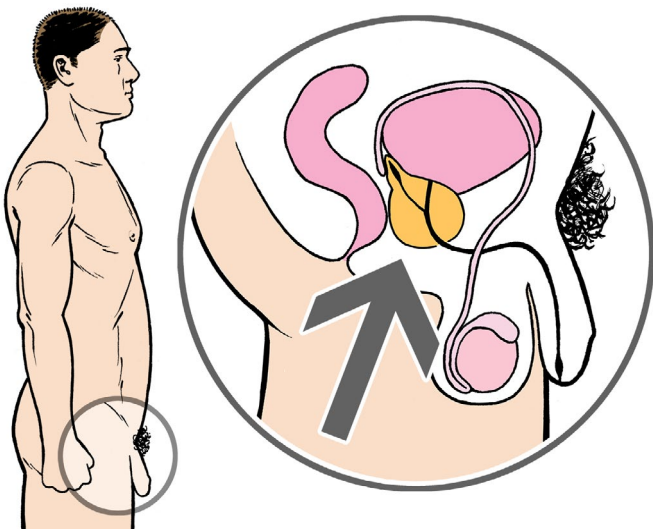
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Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men, trans women, and anyone **assigned male at birth**.

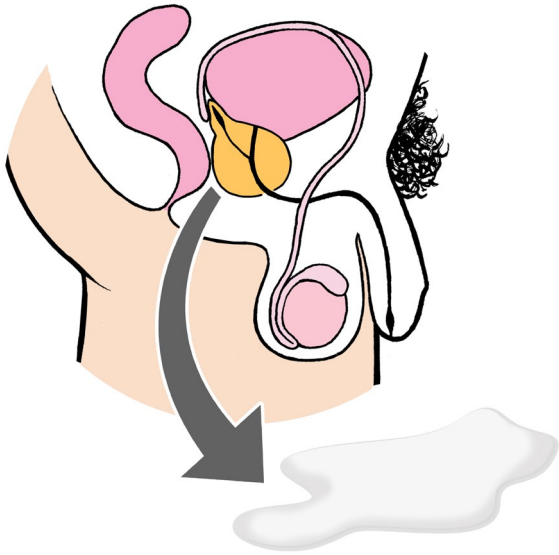


**Assigned male at birth** means that when you were born the doctor said you were male. But this may not be the same as your gender.

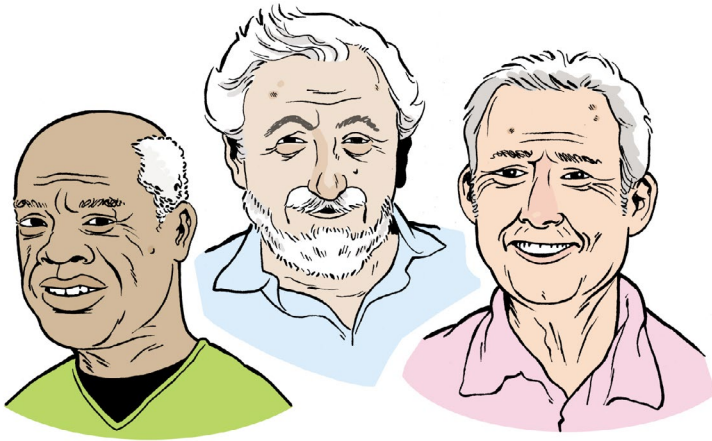


The prostate is inside your body, next to your **bladder**.

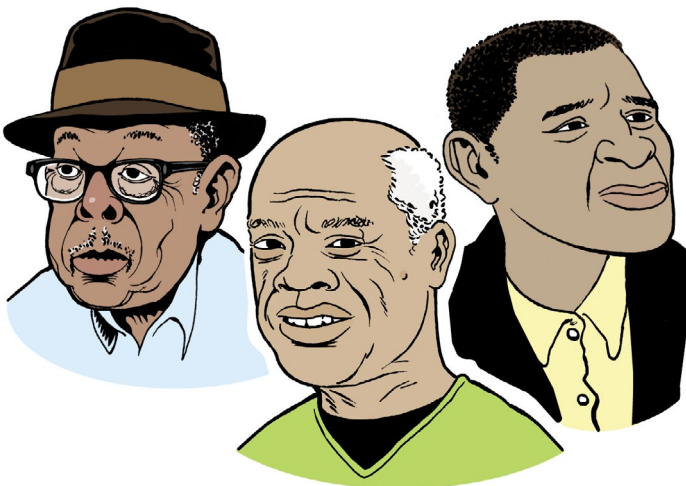
Your **bladder** is the place where your pee is stored.



The prostate makes **semen**. This is the liquid that comes out of your penis when you have sex or masturbate.

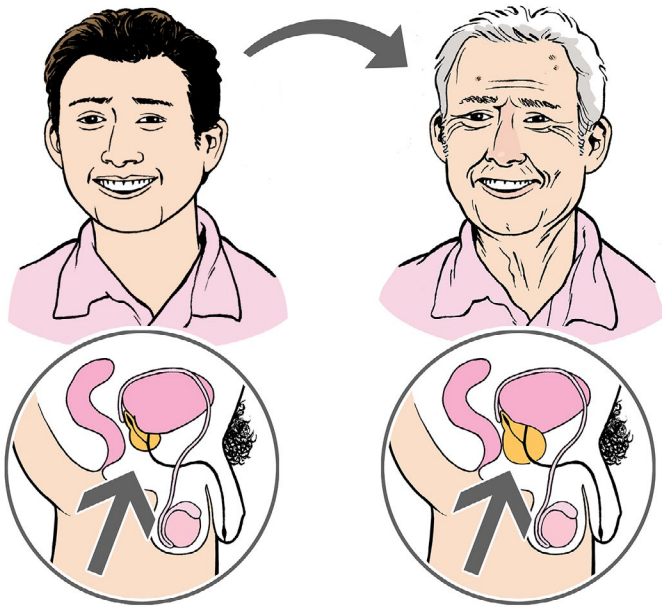


Prostate cancer is more likely to affect people over 50.

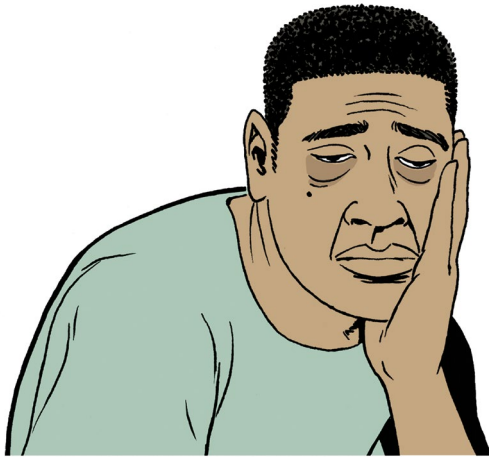


Black men are much more likely to get prostate cancer than white or Asian men. Black men are also more likely to get prostate cancer at a younger age.





As you get older, the prostate gets bigger and can cause **symptoms**.



**Symptoms** are signs in your body that tell you something is wrong, like feeling tired all the time.



Some of the more common symptoms of prostate cancer are:

- needing to pee more often, mainly at night



- finding it hard to start or stop peeing

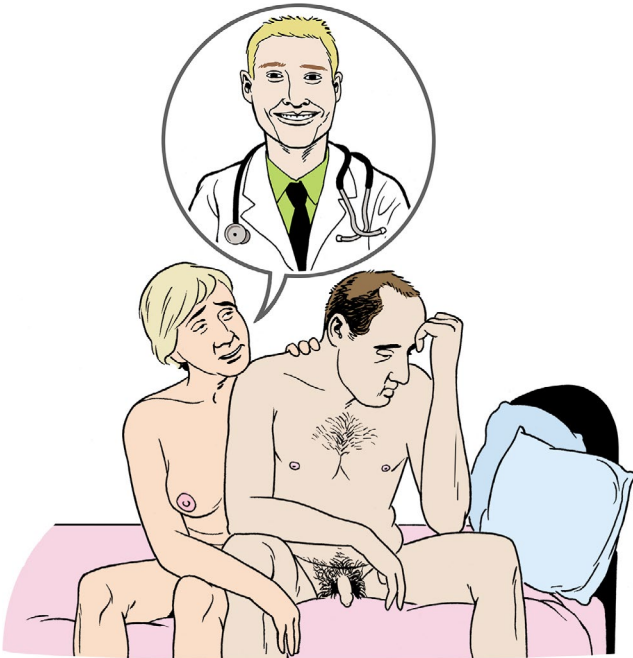


- pee coming out before you can get to the toilet.



Some of the less common symptoms of prostate cancer are:

- pain when you pee



- pain when you come during sex (ejaculate)



- blood in your pee



- pain in your back, hips, or **pelvis**.

Your **pelvis** is the large bone at the bottom of your back. It connects your spine to your legs.



These symptoms can be caused by other things. But it is best to get checked by your doctor.



The doctor will ask you about your symptoms and take a sample of your blood.



They may also check if your prostate is bigger than normal. To do this they will feel inside your bottom.





You may need to have more tests. This will depend on your results.



# How Macmillan can help you

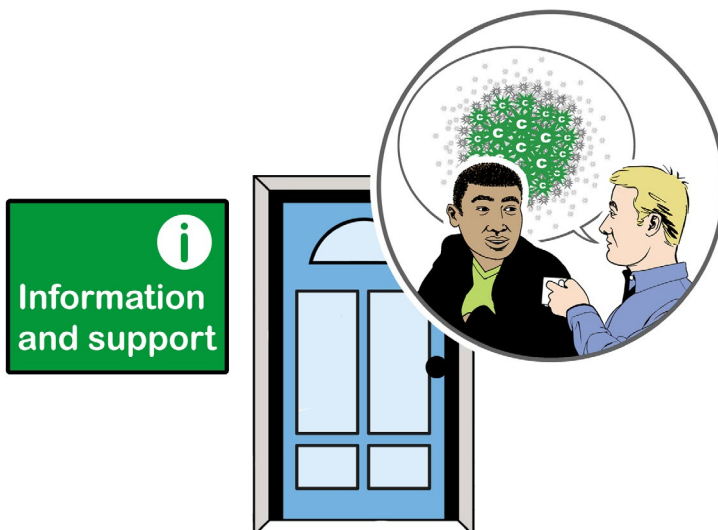


You can get support from:

- The Macmillan Support Line. Call **0808 808 00 00** 7 days a week, 8am to 8pm.



- The Macmillan website. Visit [macmillan.org.uk](http://macmillan.org.uk) for information about cancer. You can also use our web chat to ask questions at [macmillan.org.uk/talktous](http://macmillan.org.uk/talktous)



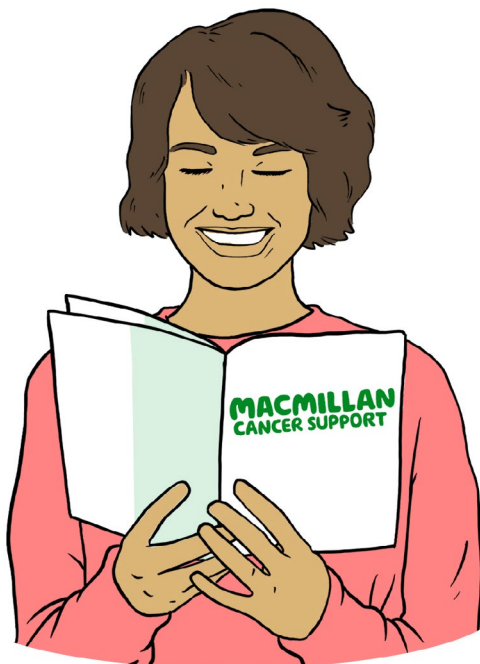
- Information centres. You can talk to a cancer support specialist and get written information. Find your nearest centre at [macmillan.org.uk/informationcentres](http://macmillan.org.uk/informationcentres) or call us.



- Local support groups. Find a group near you at [macmillan.org.uk/supportgroups](https://www.macmillan.org.uk/supportgroups) or call us.



- The Macmillan Online Community. You can talk to other people in similar situations at [macmillan.org.uk/community](https://www.macmillan.org.uk/community)



Macmillan can give you information in different ways:

### **Booklets about cancer**

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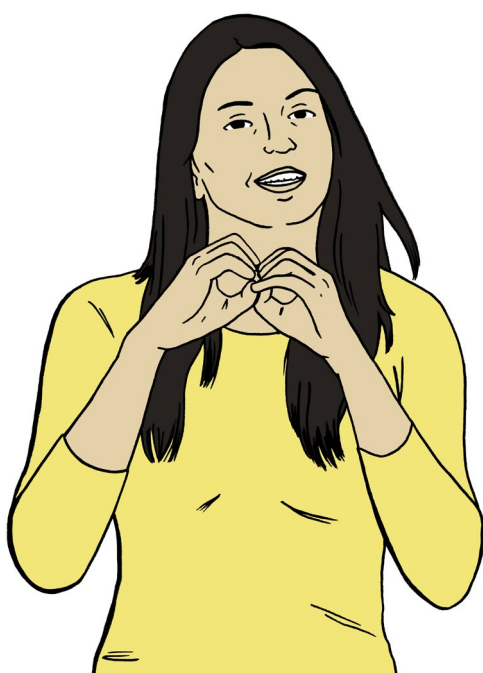
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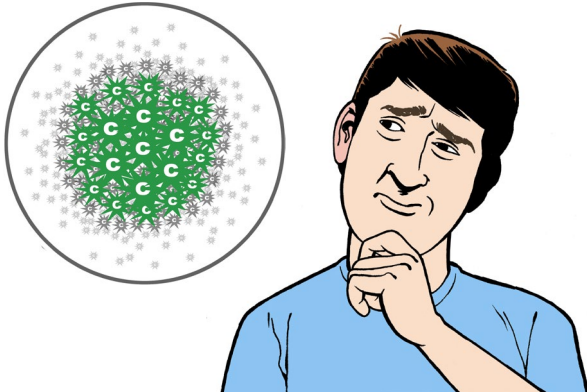


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There are booklets on lots of topics:

## About Macmillan

- How Macmillan Cancer Support can help you

## About cancer

- Lung cancer
- What is cancer?

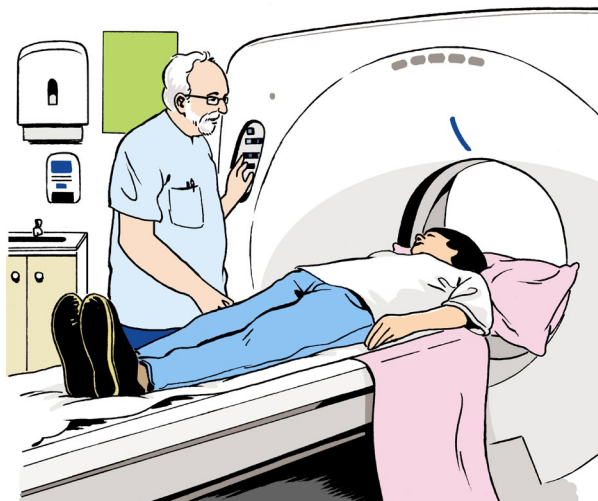
## Signs and symptoms

- Breast care for women
- Cervical screening
- How to check your balls (testicles)
- Screening for cancer
- Signs of cancer
- Symptoms of cervical cancer
- Symptoms of prostate cancer



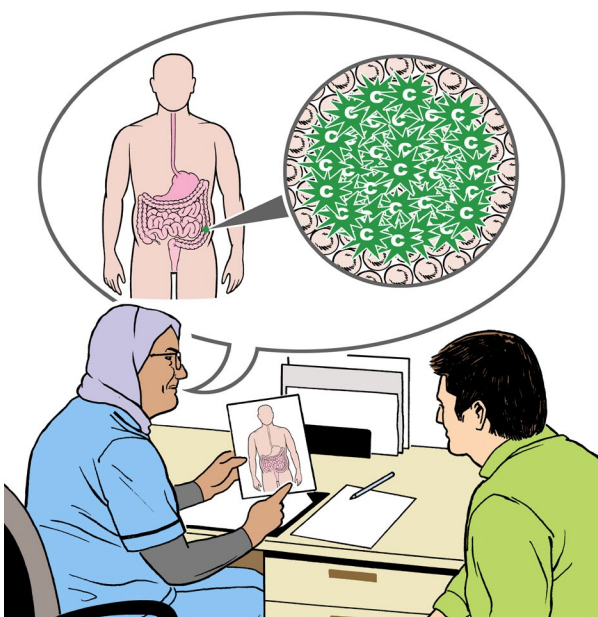
## Living a healthy life

- Be safe in the sun
- Drink less alcohol
- Eat a healthy diet
- Exercise
- Have safer sex
- Stop smoking



## Tests for cancer

- Having a biopsy
- Having a colonoscopy
- Having a CT scan
- Having an endoscopy
- Having examinations and blood tests
- Having an MRI scan
- Having an ultrasound
- Having an x-ray



## Being told you have cancer

- Finding out you have cancer
- Getting your test results
- Seeing the doctor



## Treatment for cancer

- Chemotherapy
- Giving your consent
- Having surgery
- Radiotherapy
- Side effects from chemotherapy
- Side effects from radiotherapy
- Treatments for prostate cancer

## Living with cancer

- 7 steps to equal healthcare
- After treatment for cancer
- Cancer and coronavirus
- Claiming benefits when you have cancer
- Complementary therapies
- Help with costs when you have cancer
- Talking about cancer and your feelings
- Things that are important to me
- Work and cancer
- Your feelings and cancer
- Your sex life and cancer
- Your social life and cancer







## End of life

- Changes that can happen at the end of life
- Choosing where to die
- Getting ready to die
- If you are dying from cancer
- Making decisions about the future if you are dying
- Spirituality and religion at the end of life
- The end of life
- Thinking about your funeral
- Who can help if you are dying



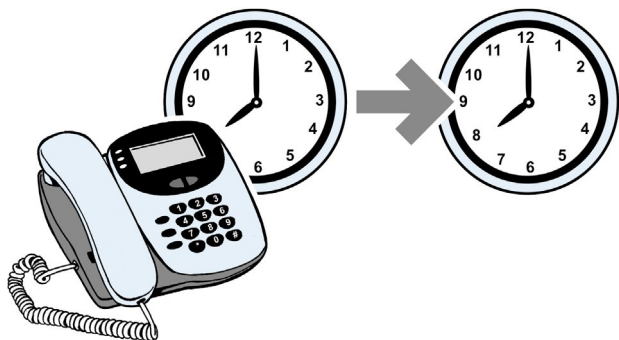
## After someone dies

- Going to a funeral when someone dies
- Grief and loss when someone dies
- How you may feel when someone dies
- What can help you feel better when someone dies

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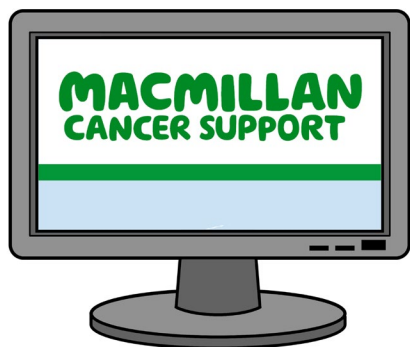
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- Call us free on:  
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- If you use a textphone, you can call:  
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- Or go to the website  
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