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Il paziente anziano: personalizzazione del trattamento  
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THE ELDERLY - THE NUMBERS

THE SCREENING

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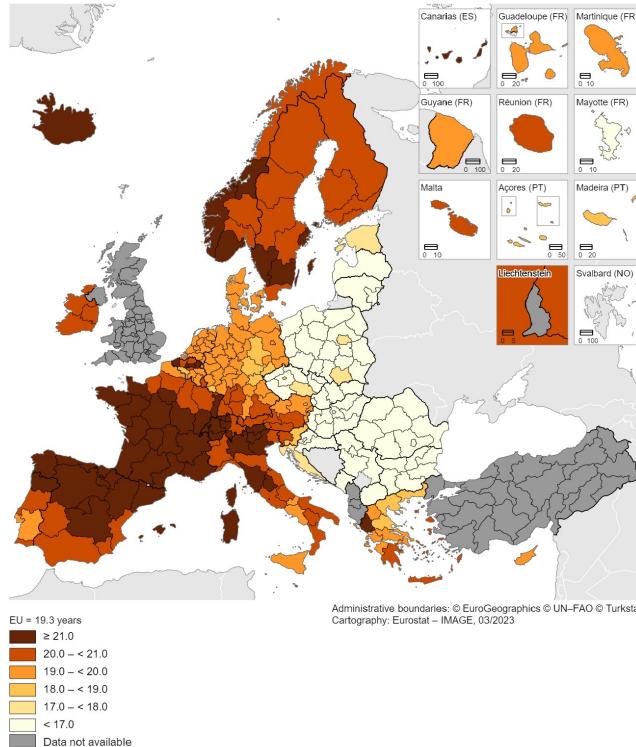


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Life expectancy at 65 years, 2021

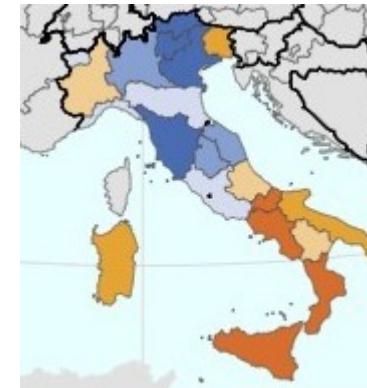


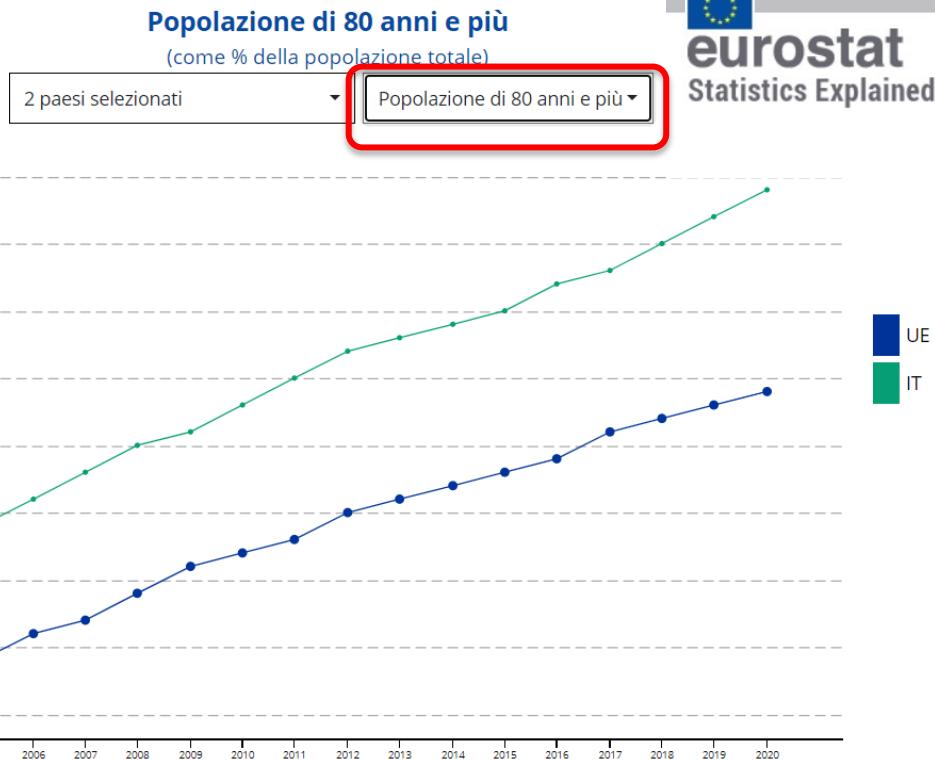
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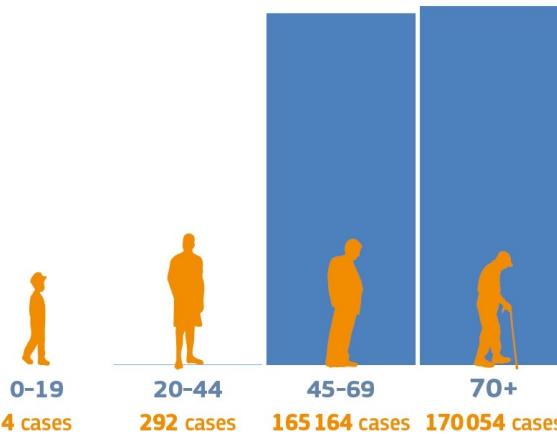
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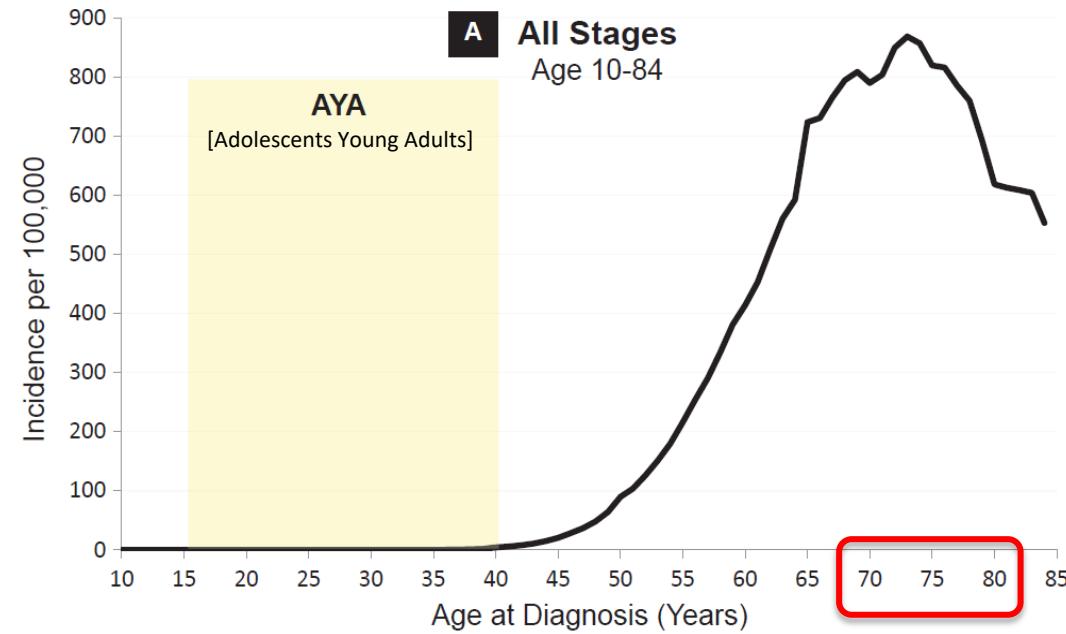

 $65 \text{ y} \leq \text{age} \leq 79 \text{ y}$ 

- Europ. Union 14.5%
- Italy 15.8%

**ESTIMATED DISTRIBUTION OF NEW CASES  
OF PROSTATE CANCER IN 2020 – BY AGE GROUP**



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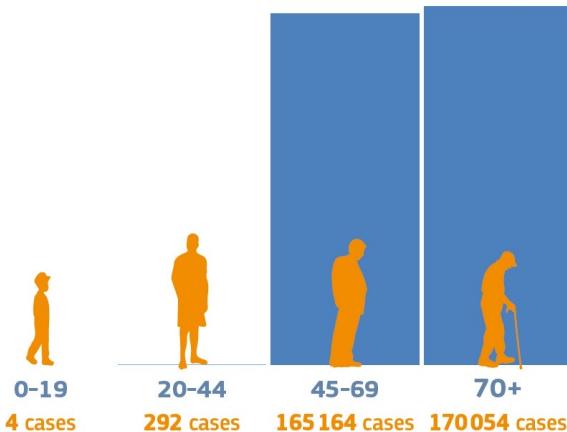
Bleyer A, et al. Cancer 2020

**TABLE 10** Five leading causes of cancer death in the United States by age and sex, 2020

Ranking	All ages	Birth to 19 years	Aged 20-39 years	Aged 40-49 years	Aged 50-64 years	Aged 65-79 years	Aged 80 years and older
<b>Male</b>							
All sites	317,731	932	3851	8655	70,248	144,420	89,624
1	Lung & bronchus	Brain & ONS	Colon & rectum	Colon & rectum	Lung & bronchus	Lung & bronchus	Lung & bronchus
	72,949	282	562	1574	16,517	37,860	17,329
2	Prostate	Leukemia	Brain & ONS	Lung & bronchus	Colon & rectum	Prostate	Prostate
	32,707	218	541	1059	7860	13,407	15,995
3	Colon & rectum	Bones & joints	Leukemia	Brain & ONS	Pancreas	Pancreas	Colon & rectum
	28,043	107	433	813	6024	12,080	7159
4	Pancreas	Soft tissue (including heart)	Testis	Pancreas	Liver <sup>a</sup>	Colon & rectum	Urinary bladder
	24,279	88	212	696	5650	10,884	5751
5	Liver <sup>a</sup>	Liver <sup>a</sup>	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	Esophagus	Esophagus	Liver <sup>a</sup>	Pancreas
	18,636	27	198	405	3614	9298	5369

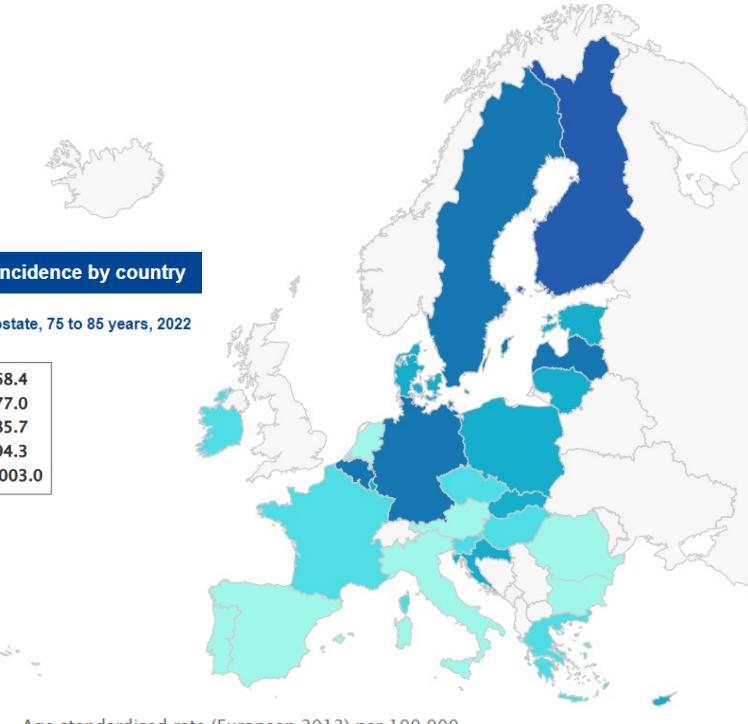
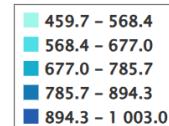
Siegel RL, et al. Cancer Statistics 2023

**ESTIMATED DISTRIBUTION OF NEW CASES  
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**Estimated incidence by country**

EU27, Male, Prostate, 75 to 85 years, 2022



[75 - 85 yrs]

- 100.000 new PCa pts per year
- 60.000 PCa pts die per year

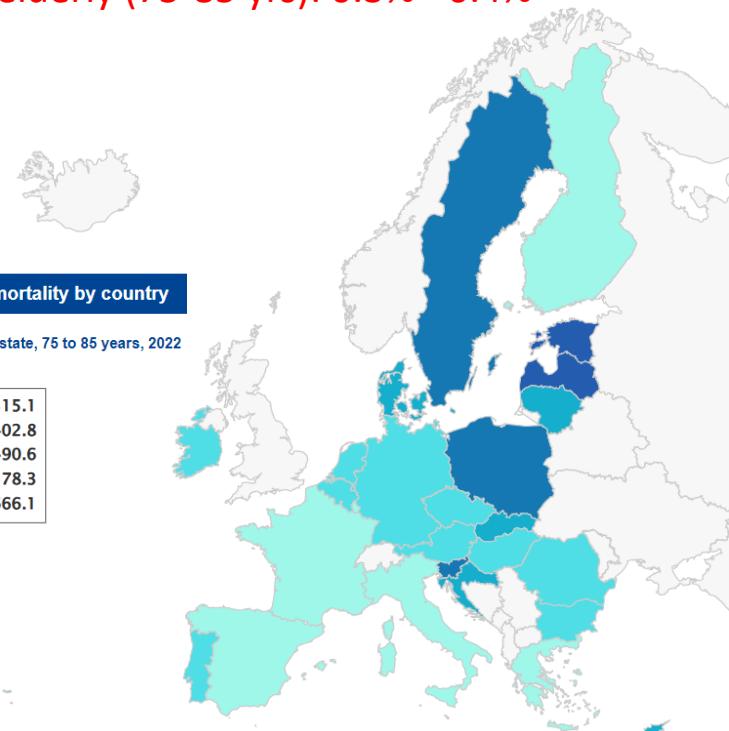
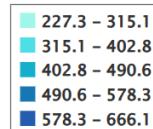
#### Estimated mortality by country - summary

Male, Prostate, 75 to 85 years, 2022

Country	Number of cases
Italy	6520
EU-27	55772

#### Estimated mortality by country

EU27, Male, Prostate, 75 to 85 years, 2022



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### Age

- Between 65 and 79 y - 14.5%
- More than 80 y - 6%

### PCa (75-85 yrs)

- incidence: 0.5% - 0.7% - 100.000/year
- mortality: 0.3% - 0.4% - 60.000/year
- second cause of cancer death in the elderly



## THE ELDERLY - THE SCREENING



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## International Society of Geriatric Oncology (SIOG)

17 screening tools in elderly cancer pts

Decoster L, et al. Ann of Oncol 2015

1. G8
2. Vulnerable Elders Survey-13
3. Flemish version of the Triage Risk Screening Tool
4. Groningen Frailty Indicator
5. Study of Osteoporotic Fractures Index
6. KPS
7. ECOG
8. Physical Frailty Phenotype
9. Barber Questionnaire
10. Identification of Seniors at Risk
11. Oncogeriatric Screen
12. Abbreviated Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment
13. Senior Adult Oncology Program 2 screening
14. Physical Performance Test
15. Handgrip Test
16. Time up and go
17. Gerhematolim

**G8 screening tool.**

A. Has food intake declined over the past 3 mo due to loss of appetite, digestive problems, chewing, or swallowing difficulties?	Severe decrease in food intake	0
	Moderate decrease in food intake	1
	No decrease in food intake	2
B. Weight loss during the last 3 mo?	Weight loss >3 kg	0
	Does not know	1
	Weight loss 1–3 kg	2
	No weight loss	3
C. Mobility	Bed- or chair-bound	0
	Able to get out of bed/chair but does not go out	1
	Goes out	2
D. Neuropsychological problems?	Severe depression or dementia	0
	Mild dementia	1
	No psychological problems	2
E. Body mass index (BMI)?	BMI <19 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	0
	BMI 19 to <21 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	1
	BMI 21 to <23 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	2
	BMI ≥23 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	3
F. Takes more than 3 prescription drugs per day?	Yes	0
	No	1
G. In comparison to other people of the same age, how does the patient consider his health status?	Not as good	0
	Does not know	0.5
	As good	1
	Better	2
H. Age	≥86 yr	0
	80–85 yr	1
	<80 yr	2

Droz JP, et al. Eur Urol 2017

**The Mini-COG™ screening tool.****Step 1: Three words registration**

Look directly at person and say, "Please listen carefully. I am going to say three words that I want you to repeat back to me now and try to remember. The words are [select a list of words from the versions below]. Please say them for me now." If the person is unable to repeat the words after three attempts, move on to Step 2 (clock drawing).

The following and other word lists have been used in one or more clinical studies. For repeated administrations, use of an alternative word list is recommended.

<b>Version 1</b>	<b>Version 2</b>	<b>Version 3</b>	<b>Version 4</b>	<b>Version 5</b>	<b>Version 6</b>
Banana	Leader	Village	River	Captain	Daughter
Sunrise	Season	Kitchen	Nation	Garden	Heaven
Chair	Table	Baby	Finger	Picture	Mountain

**Step 2: Clock drawing**

Say: "Next, I want you to draw a clock for me. First, put in all of the numbers where they go." When that is completed, say: "Now, set the hands to 10 past 11." Use a preprinted circle for this exercise. Repeat the instructions as needed, as this is not a memory test. Move to Step 3 if the clock is not complete within 3 min.

**Step 3: Three words recall**

Ask the person to recall the three words you stated in Step 1. Say: "What were the three words I asked you to remember?" Record the word list version number and the person's answers.

Droz JP, et al. Eur Urol 2017

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## Cumulative Illness Rating Scale - Geriatrics (CIRS-G)

1	Cardiac (heart only)
2	Hypertension (rating is based on severity; affected systems are rated separately)
3	Vascular (blood, blood vessels and cells, marrow, spleen, lymphatics)
4	Respiratory (lungs, bronchi, trachea below the larynx)
5	ENT (eye, ear, nose, throat, larynx)
6	Upper GI (esophagus, stomach, duodenum. Biliar and parcreatic trees; do not include diabetes)
7	Lower GI (intestines, hernias)
8	Hepatic (liver only)
9	Renal (kidneys only)
10	Other GU (ureters, bladder, urethra, prostate, genitals)
11	Musculo-Skeletal-Integumentary (muscles, bone, skin)
12	Neurological (brain, spinal cord, nerves; do not include dementia)
13	Endocrine-Metabolic (includes diabetes, diffuse infections, infections, toxicity)
14	Psychiatric/Behavioural (includes dementia, depression, anxiety, agitation, psychosis)
	All body systems are scores on a 0 - 4 scale. - 0: No problem affecting that system. - 1: Current mild problem or past significant problem. - 2: Moderate disability or morbidity and/or requires first line therapy. - 3: Severe problem and/or constant and significant disability and/or hard to control chronic problems. - 4: Extremely severe problem and/or immediate treatment required and/or organ failure and/or severe functional impairment.
<b>Total score 0-56</b>	

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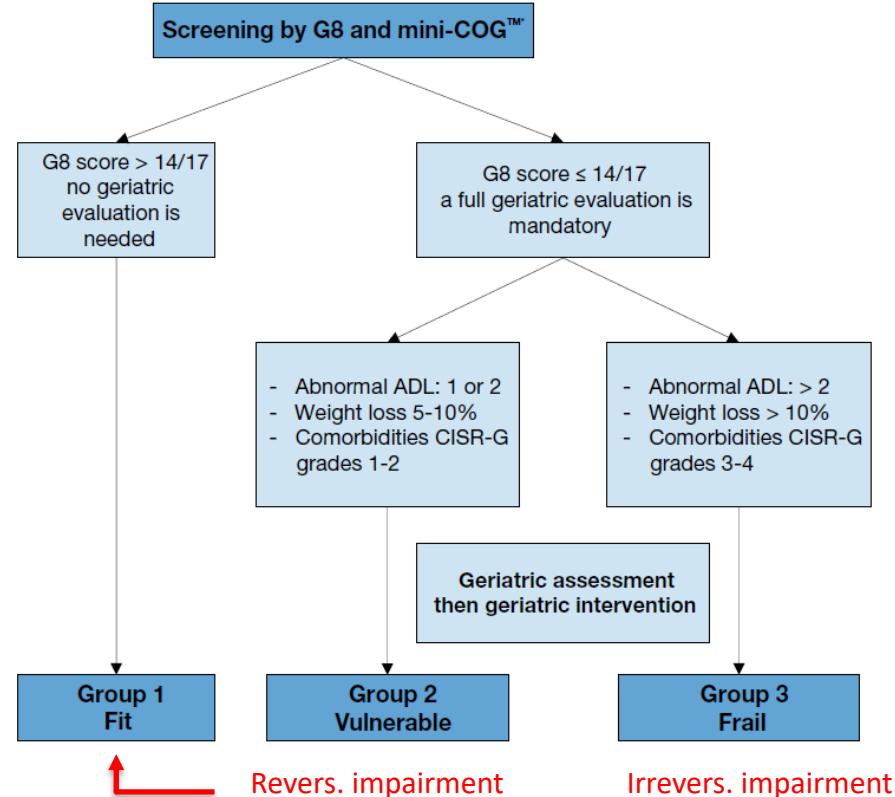
**Summary of the different steps in health status evaluation and estimated time required**

Step	Tools	Time	Who can do it?
Mandatory initial step	G8 Mini-COG™	5 min 5 min	Trained nurse Trained nurse
Simplified geriatric evaluation if G8 score is $\leq 14$	ADL CIRS-G Weight loss	1 min 15 min 1 min	Trained nurse Trained nurse and/or doctor Trained nurse
Comprehensive geriatric assessment if geriatric intervention needed	Screening tools and complete clinical examination	2 h to 1 d in hospital	Geriatrician + other health professionals

Droz JP, et al. Eur Urol 2017

# EAU-EANM-ESTRO-ESUR-ISUP-SIOP 2023 Guidelines

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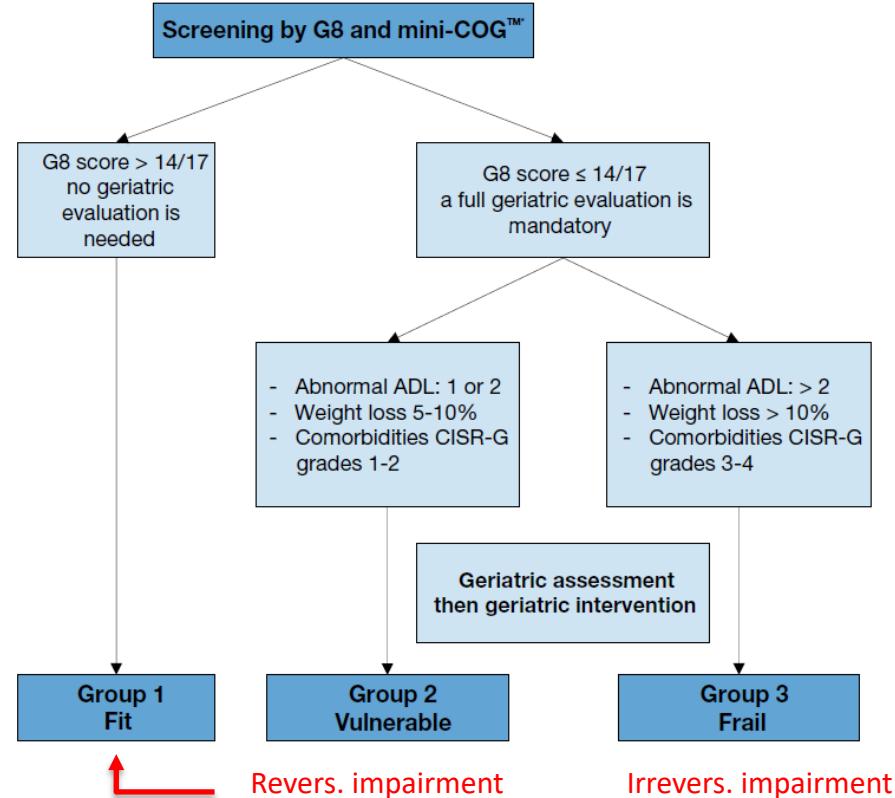
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**Group 1  
Fit**

**Group 2  
Vulnerable**



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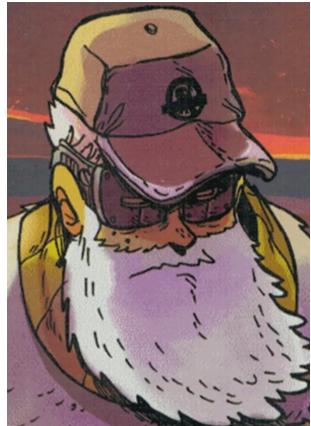
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## THE ELDERLY - THE SCREENING

- Do not rely only on the age
- Use screening tools
- Ask for geriatric assessment and intervention in vulnerable pts



## THE ELDERLY - THE TREATMENT

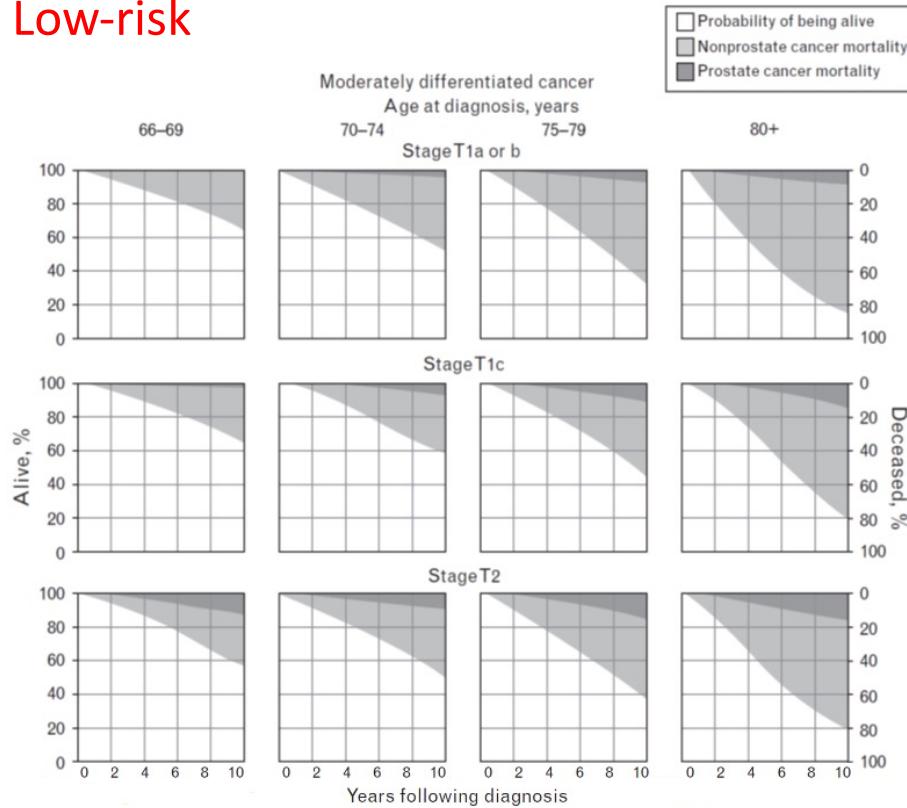


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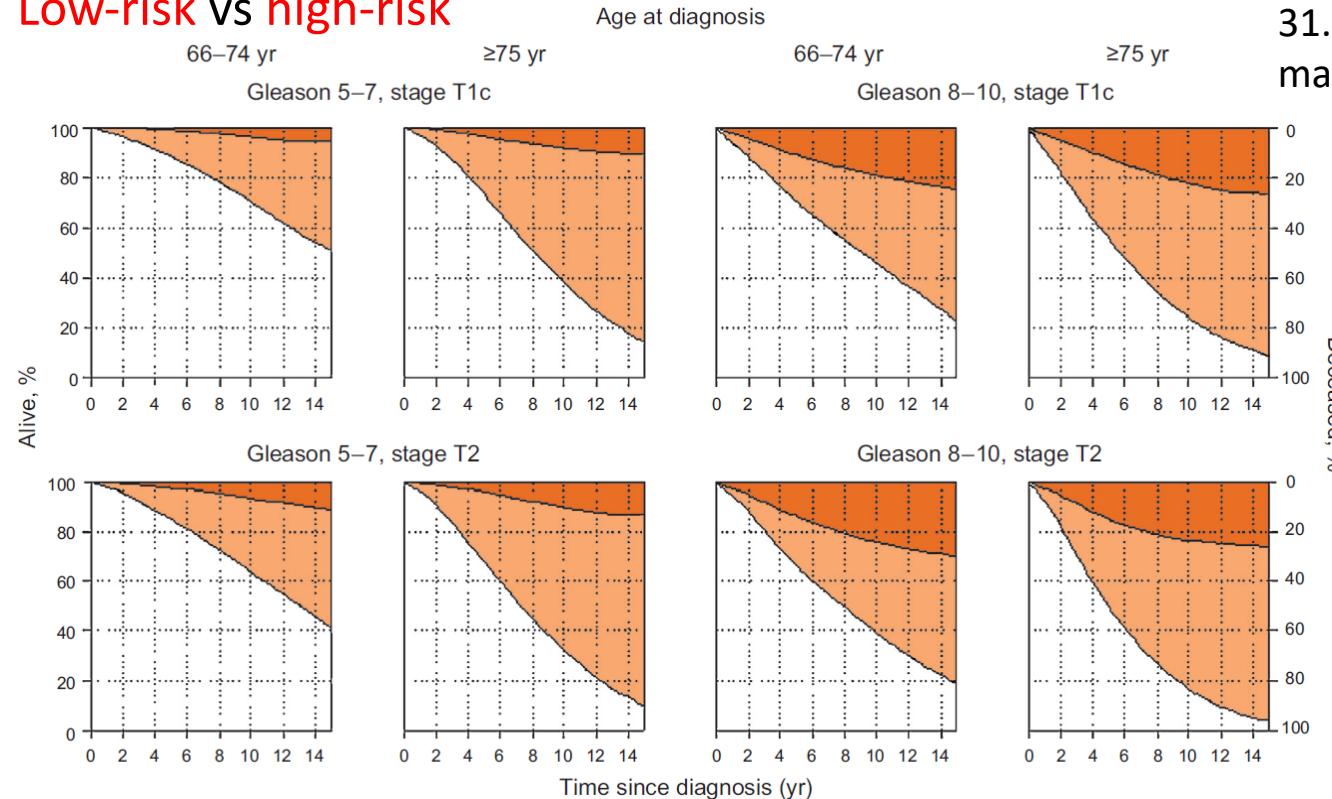
Low-risk



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[1992-2009] PCa patients managed with  
**non-curative intent**

Lu-Yao G, et al. JAMA 2009

**Low-risk vs high-risk**

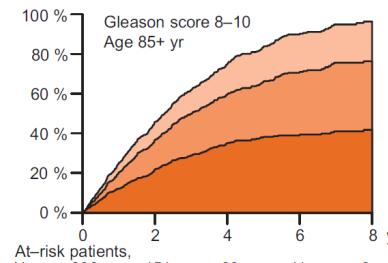
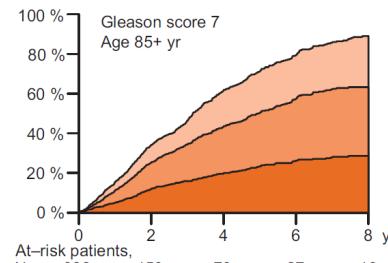
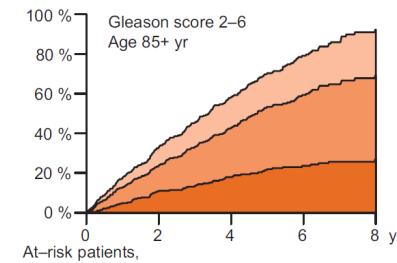
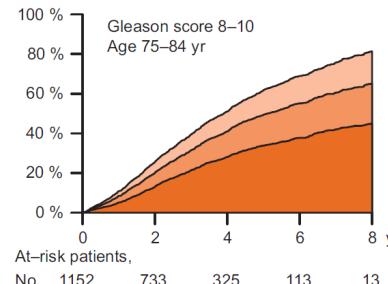
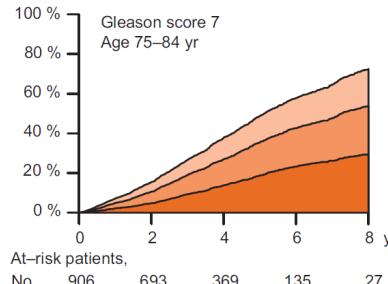
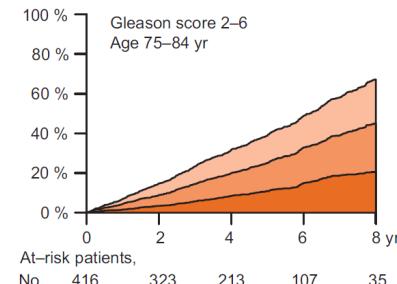
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**31.137 localized PCa patients  
managed with non-curative intent**

Lu-Yao GL, et al. Eur Urol 2015

**High-risk**

**12.184 high-risk PCA patients [T3-4, or T1-2, 50 ≤ PSA ≤ 99 ng/ml]**  
**managed with non-curative intent**



**Age > 85, 8-yrs PCSM: 42% (95%CI,  
37-47%)**

Death from prostate cancer

Death from circulatory disease

Death from other causes

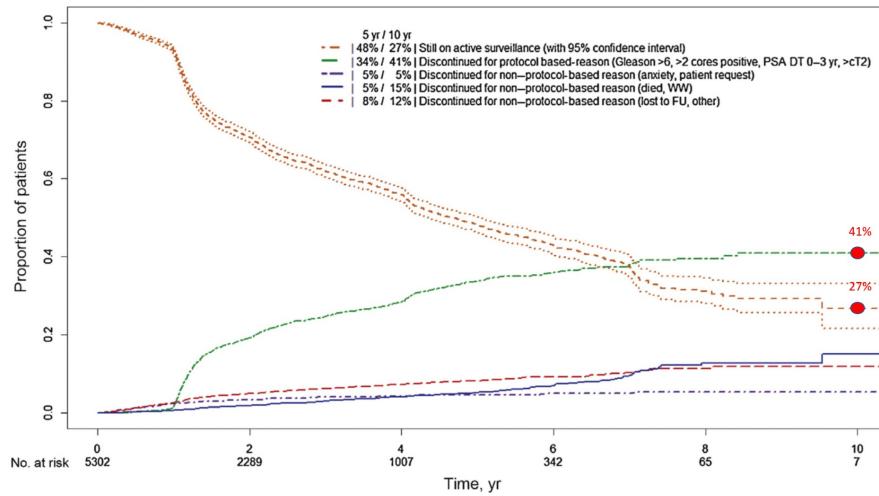
Akre O, et al. Eur Urol 2011

## High-risk

19.190 high-risk nonmetastatic PCa pts  
treated with RP or RT

	Men with prostate cancer (n)	Men with prostate cancer receiving RP or RT, % (95% CI)	10-yr survival of men without prostate cancer, % (95% CI)
<b>Age &lt;65 yr</b>			
CCI 0	3817	82 (80–83)	91 (91–91)
CCI 1	389	76 (71–80)	79 (79–80)
CCI 2	191	72 (65–78)	68 (67–70)
CCI $\geq 3$	86	52 (41–63)	46 (43–48)
<b>Age 65–69 yr</b>			
CCI 0	3322	70 (69–72)	82 (82–82)
CCI 1	552	57 (53–61)	66 (66–67)
CCI 2	255	61 (54–67)	59 (56–60)
CCI $\geq 3$	133	41 (32–49)	36 (33–38)
<b>Age 70–74 yr</b>			
CCI 0	3547	44 (43–46)	70 (70–70)
CCI 1	736	36 (32–39)	52 (51–53)
CCI 2	437	28 (24–33)	42 (41–44)
CCI $\geq 3$	237	23 (18–29)	24 (23–25)
<b>Age 75–79 yr</b>			
CCI 0	3575	10 (9–11)	52 (51–52)
CCI 1	1000	6 (5–8)	33 (32–34)
CCI 2	521	3 (4–9)	28 (27–29)
CCI $\geq 3$	392	5 (3–8)	15 (14–16)

Bratt O et al, Eur Urol 2015

**Low-risk**

PRIAS - [Bokhorst LP et al, Eur Urol 2016]

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**Biopsy Calculator**

Instructions (click + to expand)

Please input a patient's clinical variables:

Age (years): 64  
Enter a value between 39 and 84.

BMI (calculator): 27  
Enter a value between 18 and 57.

PSA (ng/mL): 4,8  
Enter a value between 0,2 and 41.

Prostate volume (cc): 41  
Enter a value between 12 and 172.

Time since diagnosis (years): 2  
Enter a value between 0,1 and 13.

In the biopsy with the most cancer, number of cores with cancer: 2

total number of cores: 12

How many biopsies since diagnosis of prostate cancer showed NO cancer?: 0

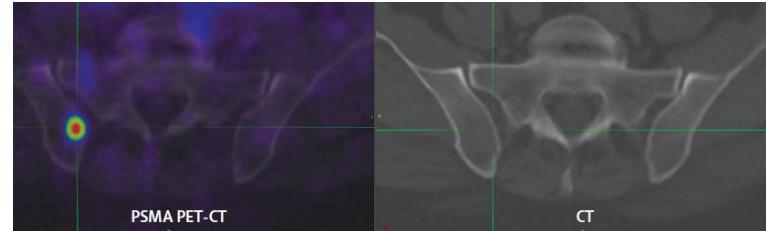
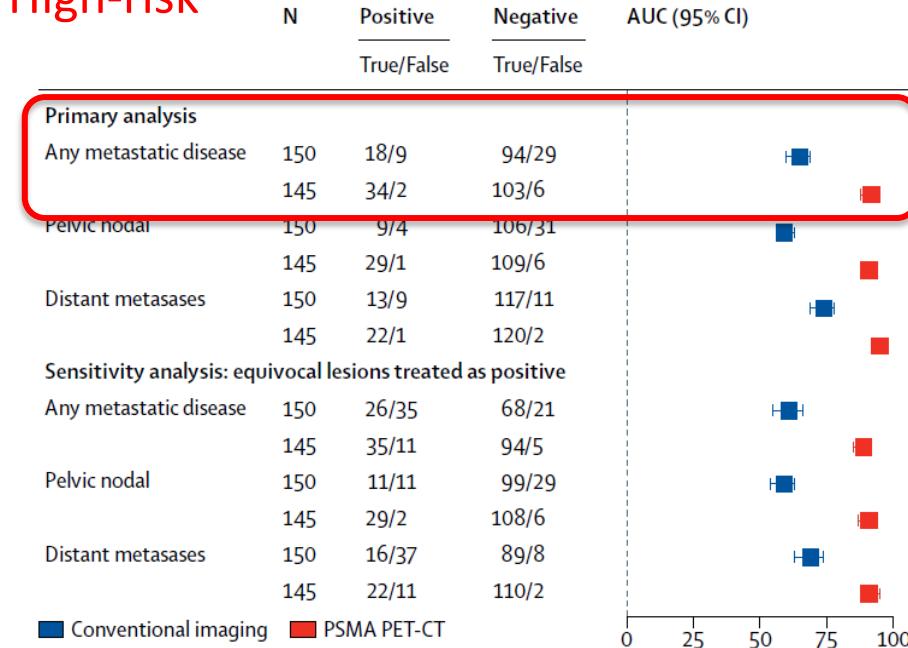
The shaded box shows the interquartile range of the clinical variable, and the lines extend to the 5th and 95th percentiles. The orange point shows the patient's value as input in the left column.

The figure below shows the distribution of risk in the PASS cohort. The black vertical line shows the estimated personalized risk for the patient upgrading at the next biopsy. The bands around the point show 95% confidence intervals for the estimated risk.

Risk of Gleason upgrade at next biopsy: 18%  
95% confidence interval: (16% - 21%)

How does the estimated risk rank among the AS population? 65%  
of the AS population have lower risk.

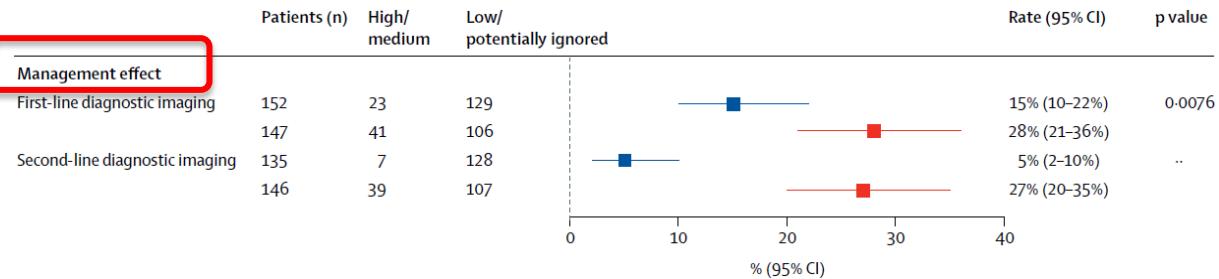
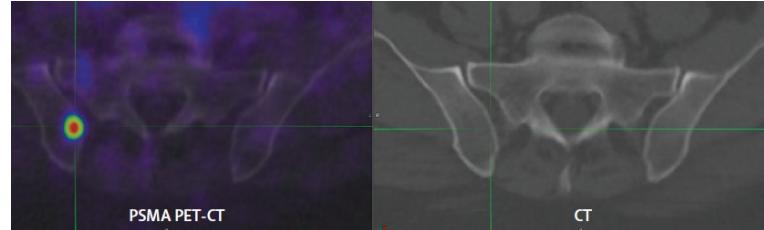
[Cooperberg MR et al, JAMA 2020]

**High-risk**

Hofman MS et al, Lancet 2020

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Hofman MS et al, Lancet 2020

**Recommendations****Strength rating**

When using PSMA-PET or whole body MRI to increase sensitivity, be aware of the lack of outcome data of subsequent treatment changes.

Strong

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Image-guided Focal Brachytherapy Utilizing Combined 18F-DCFPyL PET/CT	NCT03861676	Radiation: Focal brachyth/PSMA PET  Drug: (18F)DCFPyL
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PSMA-PET/MRI Low- and Intermediate-Risk Prostate Cancer	NCT04243941	Drug: 68Ga-HBED-CC-PSMA
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Stereotactic Prostate Radiotherapy With Dose Escalation Focused on the "Dominant Intraprostatic Lesion" (DIPLO) Delineated by Multi-parametric MRI and 68Ga-PSMA PET (Prostate-SIB-PSMA)	NCT05599737	Radiation: Integrated boost
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Functional Image-Guided Carbon Ion Irradiation With Simultaneous Integrated Boost for Prostate Cancer	NCT05010343	Radiation: carbon ion irradiation  Radiation: Carbon Ion Irradiation With SIB
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Hormone Therapy (Apalutamide) and Image-guided Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy for the Treatment of Patients With Prostate Cancer, HEATWAVE Trial	NCT06067269	Drug: Apalutamide
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24 Gy in One Fraction Urethral-sparing "HDR Like" SBRT for Prostate Cancer	NCT05936736	Radiation: prostate SBRT
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Integrated Boost to the Dominant Intraprostatic Nodule Based on Ga-68 PSMA PET/MR Study of SBRT With Prostate Cancer	NCT04599699	Radiation: SBRT
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Focal Therapy With Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy (SBRT) for Patients With a Single Prostate Tumor	NCT05616650	Drug: 18F-DCFPyL / Radiation: SBRT
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18F-DCFPyL Imaging as a Method to Assess Treatment Response to Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy	NCT05155046	Drug: 18F-DCFPyL
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Enzalutamide in Androgen Deprivation Therapy With Radiation Therapy for High Risk, Clinically Localised, Prostate Cancer	NCT02446444	Drug: Enzalutamide
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Observational Study on Extreme Hypofractionation for Localized Prostate Cancer	NCT05344235	SBRT
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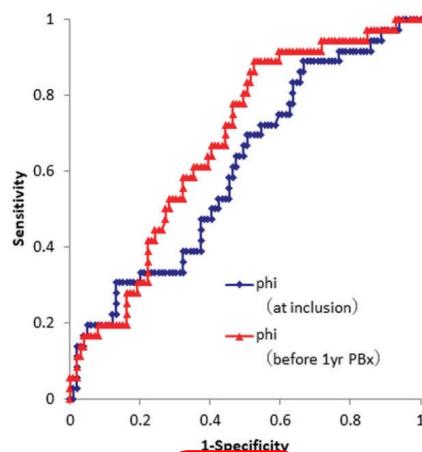


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Localized Prostate Cancer	
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PSMA PET	
Intervention/Treatment	
Radiotherapy	

**Prognostic biomarkers**

$$\text{PHI} = (-2[\text{proPSA}/\text{fPSA}] \times \sqrt{\text{tPSA}})$$



variable	AUC	optimal cutoff point	sensitivity	1-specificity	p value
phi (inclusion)	0.607	29.56	0.67	0.89	reference
phi (before 1yr PBx)	0.679	35.92	0.53	0.89	0.08

Kato T et al, Pros Ca Prost Dis 2021;1-6

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4K (tPSA, fPSA, iPSA, hK2)

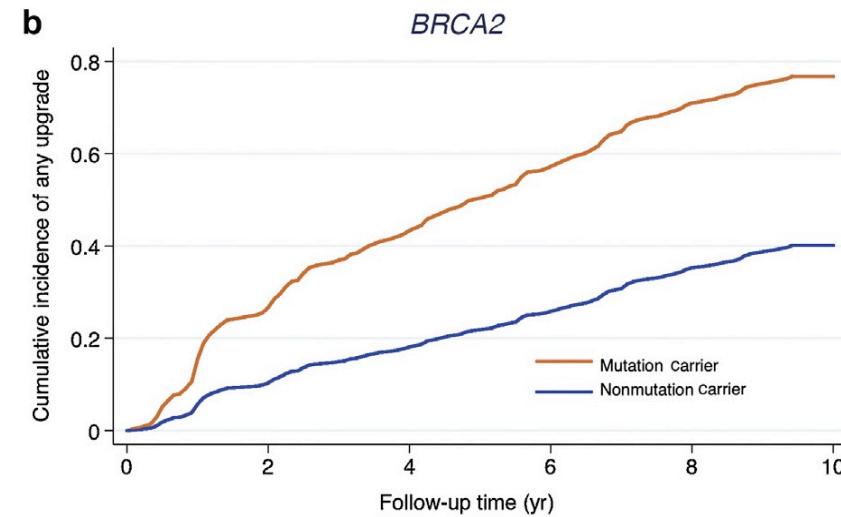
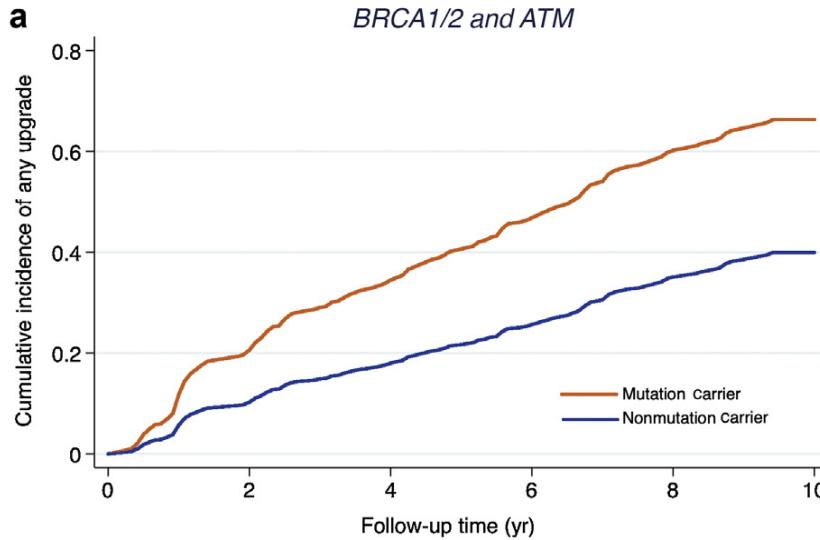
- 4765 biopsied ProtecT participants
- Aim: detect any grade PCa and high-risk (Gleason  $\geq 7$ )

Model	High-grade prostate cancer	
	Serum AUC (95% CI)	Increment over "Age + total PSA"
Age + total PSA	0.785 (0.745 to 0.824)	
Age + total PSA and free-to-total PSA ratio	0.839 (0.808 to 0.871)	0.055 ( $P < .001$ )
Age + panel of four kallikrein markers	0.859 (0.830 to 0.888)	0.075 ( $P < .001$ )

Bryant RJ et al, J Natl Cancer Inst 2015

**Prognostic biomarkers**

- 1211 AS pts (96% GG1, 4% GG2)
- Median FU 3 y
- 289 (23.8%) pts reclassified



Carter HB et al, Eur Urol 2022

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Test(s)	Company	List Price,* USD	Sample Requirement	Clinical Utility/Intended Use	Comments
Decipher Biopsy and Decipher Postoperative	Decipher Biosciences (formerly Genome Dx)	\$5,150	FFPE tissue from prostate biopsy, or  Prostate tissue after RP	Categorize patients into low/high risk to stratify patients to surveillance v treatment (and intensity of treatment)  Postprostatectomy for patients with adverse pathologic features to guide whether surveillance, adjuvant, or salvage therapy may be warranted	Evaluates mRNA expression levels of 22 genes from FFPE tissue; generates score from 0 to 1.0
Oncotype Dx GPS	Genomic Health	\$4,520	Tumor tissue from original biopsy in neutral buffered formalin; prostatectomy specimens not accepted	Biopsy-based likelihood of adverse pathologic features (Grade Group $\geq 3$ or extracapsular extension); identify those who may benefit from surveillance v treatment	GPS ranges from 0 to 100 based on mRNA expression of 17 genes across four pathways
Polaris Biopsy and Polaris Postprostatectomy	Myriad Genetic Laboratories	\$3,900	FFPE tissue from: prostate tumor biopsy, or prostatectomy specimens	Aggressiveness of cancer; provides a 10-year risk of metastasis after definitive therapy, and disease-specific mortality under conservative management	mRNA expression of cell-cycle progression genes are used to calculate the score; clinical factors are subsequently added for risk assessment
ProMark, Proteomic Prognostic test for prostate cancer	MetaMark	\$3,900	Requires tissue collected with patented biopsy kit available from MetaMark	Uses automated image recognition technology to determine the likelihood of Grade Group $\geq 2$ or stage $\geq T3b$	Expression of 8 proteins; uses automated image recognition technology to generate a score from 1 to 100 indicating the aggressiveness of prostate cancer

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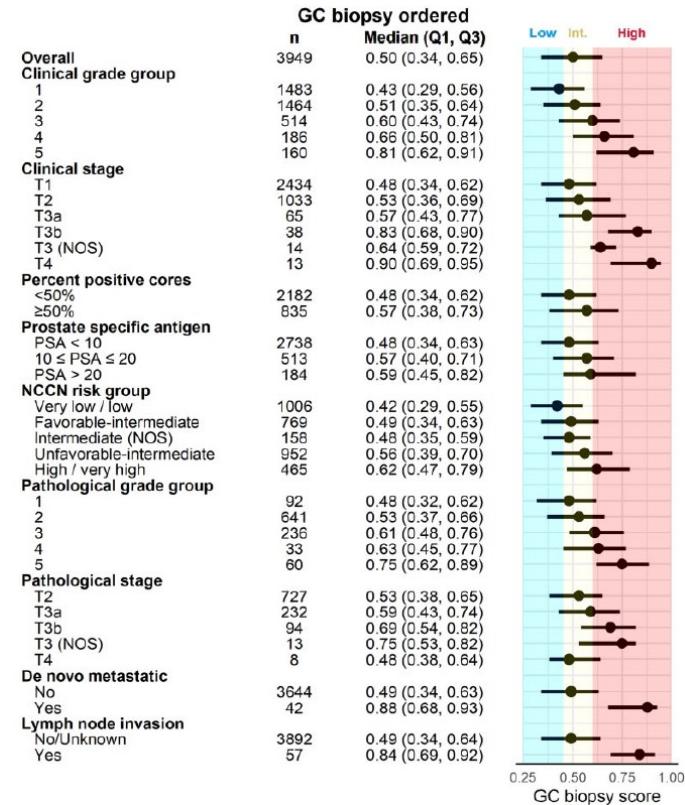
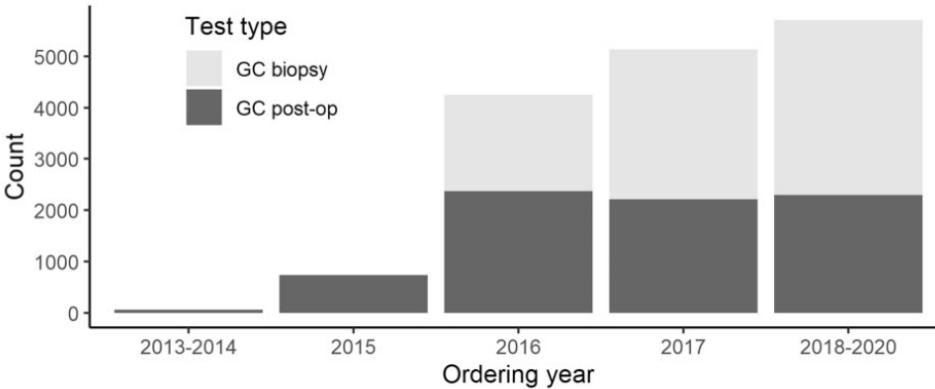
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- Several of the biomarkers are **pre-diagnostic**
- No validated risk thresholds
- **No consensus** on incremental improvement in **accuracy** compared with clinical models
- Literature on the “clinical utility” **lacks** meaningful clinical **outcomes**
- Studies among **Caucasian** men
- **No prospective studies** have validated the use of biomarkers in the **decision-making process**

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- Individual patient life expectancy and PCa natural history
- Diagnostic tools that significantly affect treatment
- Impact of therapy on survival and quality of life
- Patient preferences

