

## **IMPACT Will Provide The Following FREE Services:**

Treatments for prostate cancer paid for by IMPACT include:

- Radical Prostatectomy
- Brachytherapy
- External Beam Radiation Therapy
- Hormone Therapy
- Watchful Waiting
- Chemotherapy

## **IMPACT Will:**

- Pay for prostate cancer treatment for an initial 12 months.
- Provide you with the **FREE** services of a nurse case manager.
- Provide **FREE** personalized nutrition counseling.
- Pay for short-term individual counseling for you and joint counseling for you and your spouse or partner.

To qualify for the **FREE** treatment you must be a California man 18 years of age or older with no or little health insurance. To find out if you qualify, please call 1-800-409-8252.

## **Where Do I Go For Treatment?**

You can receive prostate cancer treatment from IMPACT at many hospitals and doctors offices throughout California.

IMPACT patients must use one of the doctors or hospitals that work with the program.

IMPACT will help you find a doctor or hospital close to you.

## **Whom Do I Call?**

For information about **FREE** prostate cancer treatment through IMPACT call:

**1-800-409-8252**

or

visit the IMPACT website at:  
**[www.california-impact.org](http://www.california-impact.org)**

**Please note that the information in this brochure is subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please call the IMPACT Office or visit the IMPACT website.**



**What Every  
African American  
Man Needs  
To Know About  
Prostate Cancer**

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## What Is The Prostate?

The prostate is a gland, about the size of a walnut, located under the bladder surrounding the upper part of the urethra. The urethra is a tube that carries urine and semen through the penis to the outside of the body. The prostate gland is found only in men. It produces semen, the liquid that carries the sperm when a man ejaculates.

## What Is Prostate Cancer?

Prostate cancer starts in the cells of the prostate gland. When a man has prostate cancer, the prostate cancer cells grow into a tumor. These cancer cells can also spread to other parts of the body.

## What Are The Symptoms Of Prostate Cancer?

The most common symptom of prostate cancer is no symptom at all.

## Important Facts You Should Know About Prostate Cancer:

Prostate cancer is the most common type of cancer found in men.

A man is diagnosed with prostate cancer every 3 minutes.

As you get older, your risk of prostate cancer increases.

With early detection and treatment, your chances of surviving prostate cancer are greatly improved.

California provides **FREE** prostate cancer treatment for low-income men with no or little health insurance through a program called IMPACT: Improving Access, Counseling and Treatment for Californians with Prostate Cancer.

## The Key Is Early Detection

- Prostate cancer is widespread in the African American community.
- African American men need to get tested every year beginning with their 40th birthday.
- You should also be tested if you have a father or brother who has or has had prostate cancer.

For more information about **FREE** treatment for prostate cancer, call:

**1-800-409-8252**