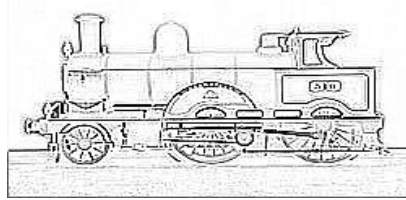


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Some facts about PSA blood tests

You have the right to have a blood test, but a PSA blood test is more reliable if you are aged over 50.

A higher PSA could mean you have cancer, but PSA can also be raised by having an enlarged prostate, an infection, exercise and ejaculation.

The PSA blood test sometimes misses prostate cancer. 1 in 7 men with a normal PSA level may have prostate cancer, and 1 in 50 men with a normal PSA level may have a fast-growing cancer.

One normal PSA result cannot rule out a future diagnosis of prostate cancer. Regular tests can spot a trend in PSA level, which could be a sign of prostate cancer developing, particularly if you are more at risk.

If you decide you want a PSA test, your GP may also talk to you about a digital rectal examination. A DRE is usually only needed if you have symptoms. You don't have to have a DRE. You CAN choose to have a PSA test alone

The doctor will add you to monitoring list if you are at high risk based on the assessment

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