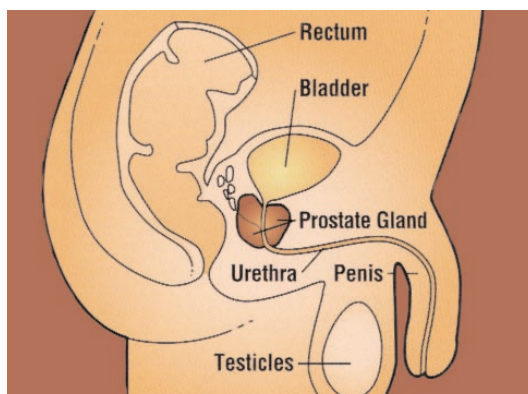


HIGH-GRADE PIN

Your Diagnosis

High-Grade Prostatic Intraepithelial Neoplasia (High-Grade PIN)



The prostate biopsy your clinician recently obtained from your prostate has been diagnosed with High-Grade Prostatic Intraepithelial Neoplasia (PIN). High-Grade PIN is an abnormal prostate condition that is not prostate cancer but is closely associated with the development of prostate cancer.

Because of the close relationship between High-Grade PIN and prostate cancer, your clinician may recommend additional follow-up testing to further examine your prostate for the presence of prostate cancer.

Background Information

- All men over age 50 should have a Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) test and a digital rectal exam each year.
- Prostate cancer is the most common type of cancer found in American men, other than skin cancer, with about 185,000 new cases diagnosed in the United States each year.
- Although men of any age can get prostate cancer, it is found most often in men over 50.
- More than 80% of men with prostate cancer are over the age of 65.
- Significant risk factors for prostate cancer include:
 - Age: Older men are more likely to get prostate cancer.
 - Race: Prostate cancer is more common in African-American men.
 - Diet: A high-fat diet may play a part in causing prostate cancer.
 - Family History: A close family member (father or brother) with prostate cancer increases your risk.

Follow-up Options for High-Grade PIN

PSA Test Your clinician may draw another blood specimen from you for an additional PSA test.

Repeat Prostate Biopsy Your clinician may recommend an additional ultrasound-guided biopsy of your prostate. This may help determine whether you have prostate cancer.

Important Questions to Ask Your Doctor

- Am I at increased risk for prostate cancer?
- For my diagnosis what follow-up options do I have?
- What do you suggest and why?
- What are the benefits of this option?
- What are the potential risks or side effects of this option?
- Will I need more tests? For what purpose?

Sources for Additional Information

- American Cancer Society: www.cancer.org or 800-227-2345
- National Cancer Institute: www.nci.nih.gov or 800-4-CANCER
- Prostate Cancer InfoLink: www.comed.com/prostate
- The Urology Channel: www.urologychannel.com
- Associated Pathology Medical Group: www.apmglab.com or 800-848-2764



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