

Bulgaria

Prostate Cancer Screening Facts



Life expectancy



73.6
years

Incidence



3,122
annually

Prostate Cancer*



17.8%

*Share of new cancer diagnoses that are prostate cancer

Health Care System

The Bulgarian health system is based on a compulsory social health insurance (SHI) scheme, with a small role for voluntary health insurance. Within the SHI system, the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF), through its branches of 28 regional health insurance funds, is the sole purchaser of health services.¹

Reimbursement PSA



Yes

Main Testing Location



GP

National Cancer Plan



No

What’s happening in practice?

At present there are considerable number of private health insurance companies covering different packages including annual check up for prostate cancer as well as covering imaging diagnostic and treatment.

Still there is no nationwide screening programme for prostate cancer but since appr. 10 years the GPs have the funding to perform PSA testing for all men >50 every two years, in case of suspicion on prostate cancer or they can also follow up on patients who have already been diagnosed with PSA tests.

Opportunistic screening is widely accepted and implemented in everyday urology practice. In case of a positive PSA test, patients have quick access to mp MRI fusion biopsy and PET PSMA with waiting time between 14-20 days.

National Clinical Guidelines

Government

The review and update of National Cancer Registry is currently taking place.

Urologist

Bulgarian Association of Urology has adopted the EAU Guidelines on Prostate Cancer and the Pocket Guideline is translated in Bulgarian.

GP

No guidelines available for GPs

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