

Slovenia

Prostate Cancer Screening Facts



Life expectancy



82.1
years¹

Incidence



1,878
annually²

Prostate Cancer*



25.30%²

*Share of all cancer diagnoses in men that are prostate cancer (excl non-melanoma skin cancer)

Health Care System

Slovenia has a single compulsory public health insurer - the Health Insurance Institute of Slovenia (HIIS/ZZZS).

Reimbursement PSA



Yes

Main Testing Location



GP/
Urologist

National Cancer Plan



Yes³

What’s happening in practice?

PSA testing is currently performed on an opportunistic basis after informed discussion with the patient, rather than according to a nationally defined screening interval.

Although Slovenia does not yet have an organised national prostate cancer screening programme, it is currently conducting PRO-PETER, a pilot study evaluating an organised, risk-adapted prostate cancer screening programme as a step towards future national implementation.⁴

National Clinical Guidelines

Government Via the ongoing implementation of the PRO-PETER study, Slovenia is actively evaluating an organised prostate cancer screening programme.	Urologist Opportunistic PSA testing is mainly performed in primary care by the GPs after informed discussion with the patient. Once patients are referred to a urologist, further examination follows the EAU Guidelines and is therefore not opportunistic. In addition, referral to MRi is not solely based on an elevated PSA test, but also on other clinical findings, particularly an abnormal digital rectal examination.⁵	GP PSA testing is primarily initiated by GPs following shared decision-making with the patient. Registered nurses may participate in preventive health assessments, but prostate cancer screening is not a structured component of these assessments.
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