

Malta

Prostate Cancer Screening Facts



Life expectancy



82.6
years

Incidence



370
annually

Prostate Cancer*



14.80%

*Share of new cancer diagnoses that are prostate cancer

Health Care System

Malta’s National Health Service (NHS) is mainly financed through general taxation and provides almost universal coverage to all residents. The Ministry for Health is responsible for governance, regulation and financing of the health system, and is the main provider of public health services.

Reimbursement PSA



Yes

Main Testing Location



GP

National Cancer Plan



No

What’s happening in practice?

Over 300 men get prostate cancer every year in Malta, with around 50 men dying from it each year.³ Yearly PSA tests are recommended as part of annual blood tests for older men. These are executed by the GP and then referred to urologist. There is a fast-track referral system for prostate cancer.

No screening programme information available.

National Clinical Guidelines

Government

The policy in government practice is to perform a PSA test every year as part of the annual blood tests in older men. If the PSA is high, the patient should be referred to an urologist.

Urologist

No guidelines available

GP

No guidelines, but most GP trainees are encouraged to follow the UK NICE guidelines.

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