

Signs & Symptoms of Prostate Cancer

Most prostate cancers are found early through screening. Early prostate cancer usually causes no symptoms. More advanced prostate cancers can sometimes cause symptoms, such as:

- Difficulty urinating, including a slow or weak urinary stream or the need to urinate more often, especially at night.
- Blood in the urine or semen.
- Trouble getting an erection (erectile dysfunction or ED).
- Pain in the hips, back (spine), chest (ribs), or other areas from cancer that has spread to bones.
- Weakness or numbness in the legs or feet, or even loss of bladder or bowel control from cancer pressing on the spinal cord.



Most of these problems are more likely to be caused by something other than prostate cancer. For example, trouble urinating is much more often caused by benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), a non-cancerous growth of the prostate. Still, it's important to tell your healthcare provider if you have any of these symptoms so that the cause can be found and treated, if needed. Some men might need additional testing to check for prostate cancer.

Source: American Cancer Society ([cancer.org](https://www.cancer.org))