

DECISION QUALITY WORKSHEET FOR TREATING PROSTATE CANCER

Instructions

This survey has questions about what it is like for you to make decisions about treating your prostate cancer with surgery, radiation using external beam or brachytherapy (radiation seeds put in the prostate), active surveillance (monitor cancer and consider active treatment if there are signs of progression) or watchful waiting (treat symptoms such as pain as they arise but not try to cure the cancer).

Please check the box or circle the number **(2)** to answer each item.

Your answers will tell us three important things:

1. What matters most to you?
2. How well are we doing our job of giving you information?
3. What did you talk about with your health care providers?

Thank you!

Section 1: What Matters Most to You

This set of questions includes some reasons other men give for treating prostate cancer. We are interested in what is important to you.

Please mark on a scale from 0 to 10, how important each of the following is to you for your decision about treating prostate cancer.

How important is it to you to . . .

	Not at all important	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Extremely important
1.1. <u>actively treat</u> your prostate cancer?.....		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1.2. <u>avoid surgery</u> for your prostate cancer?.....		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1.3. <u>avoid radiation</u> for your prostate cancer?.....		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1.4. avoid treatments that might cause problems with <u>dripping or leaking urine</u> ?.....		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1.5. choose a treatment that can be <u>completed quickly</u> (takes less time)?.....		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1.6. avoid treatment that might cause <u>sexual problems</u>?.....		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1.7. avoid treatments that might cause problems with <u>bowel function</u>?.....		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1.8. choose a treatment that has been <u>proven to help men live longer</u>?.....		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

1.9. Which treatment do you want to do to treat your prostate cancer?

- Surgery (radical prostatectomy)
- External beam radiation
- Brachytherapy (Radiation delivered from seeds put in the prostate)
- No immediate treatment of cancer; with watchful waiting or active surveillance
- Not sure

2.4. In the first few years after treatment for prostate cancer, which is more likely to **cause sexual problems with erections**?

- Surgery
- Radiation
- Both surgery and radiation are equally likely to cause sexual problems

2.5. In the first few years after treatment for prostate cancer, which is more likely to cause **dripping or leaking urine**?

- Surgery
- Radiation
- Both surgery and radiation are equally likely to cause dripping or leaking urine

Section 2: Facts about Treating Prostate Cancer

This set of questions asks about some facts that doctors think are important for patients to know about treating prostate cancer. The correct answer to each question is based on medical research. Please do your best to answer each question.

2.1. **Without** treatment, about how many men diagnosed with early stage prostate cancer will eventually die of prostate cancer?

- Most will die of prostate cancer
- About half will die of prostate cancer
- Most will die of something else

2.2. For most men with early stage prostate cancer, how much would **waiting a few months** to make a treatment decision hurt their chances of survival?

- A lot
- Somewhat
- A little or not at all

2.3. In the first few years after treatment for prostate cancer, which is **more** likely to cause bowel problems?

- Surgery
- Radiation
- Both surgery and radiation are equally likely to cause bowel problems

Section 3: Talking With Health Care Providers

Please answer these questions about what happened when you talked with health care providers including doctors, nurses and other health care professionals about the different choices available for treating prostate cancer.

3.1. Did any of your health care providers talk with you about having surgery (radical prostatectomy) as an option?

- Yes
- No

3.2. How much did you and your health care providers talk with you about the reasons **to have** surgery?

- A lot
- Some
- A little
- Not at all

3.3. How much did you and your health care providers talk with you about the reasons **not to have** surgery?

- A lot
- Some
- A little
- Not at all

3.4. Did any of your health care providers talk with you about having radiation as an option?

- Yes
- No

3.5. How much did you and your health care providers talk about the reasons **to have** radiation?

- A lot
- Some
- A little
- Not at all

3.6. How much did you and your health care providers talk about the reasons **not to have** radiation?

- A lot
- Some
- A little
- Not at all

3.7. Did any of your health care providers talk with you about having no active treatment right away as an option you should seriously consider?

- Yes
- No

3.8. Did any of your health care providers ask you what treatment you wanted to treat your prostate cancer?

- Yes
- No

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