Prostate Cancer in Illinois
Black men are at increased risk of dying.

Prostate cancer among all men
- 2nd leading cause of cancer death in all men
- 8.7k new cases in 2019
- 1.2k deaths in 2019

Racial disparities in prostate cancer
There are large racial disparities in prostate cancer incidence and mortality. Black men are at a higher risk of getting prostate cancer, and a much higher risk of dying from it.

Incidence rate
- 1.5x higher in Black men than White men.

Mortality rate
- 2.4x higher in Black men than White men.

Disproportionately more Black mortality
- Even though Black men are only 15% of Illinois’s population...
- ...almost 25% of men who die from prostate cancer are Black.

Without public awareness, the disparity in deaths between Black men and White men will remain.
- Inform the public about the risks of prostate cancer, as well as the benefits and uncertainties about prostate cancer screening.
- Customize messaging to Black men about prostate cancer risks.
- Encourage Black men, beginning at age 45, to discuss their risk of developing prostate cancer and screening options.

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