

Prostate Cancer Survivor
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I was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2004, after a routine health care check up at the Minority Men's Health Clinic at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio. During this visit, a prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test was performed to screen for prostate cancer. My PSA level was not within normal range. As a result, a biopsy was performed, which came back positive for cancer.

After reviewing several treatment options, I chose radiation seed implantation, which was performed in December of 2004.

For the past four years, my PSA has fluctuated, which indicates that I still have the disease, but it is in a state of remission. I believe that the success of my survival is due to early detection and an accurate diagnosis by my pathologist.

I strongly encourage all men, particularly minority men, to be screened for this disease, which can go undetected for years. Early detection saved my life; it could save your life, as well.