Prostatic Specific Antigen Screening -

Two sets of guidelines are available from which the practitioner may select

Due to the controversial guidelines, shared decision making discussion between patient and physician is strongly encouraged.

American Urological Association, 2013

1) Do NOT screen the following patients:

Men < age 40 years of age

Men between 40 and 54 years of age who are at average risk

Men older than 70* years of age or those with less than a 10 to 15 year life expectancy

*Men 70+ years of age in excellent health may benefit from screening

2) Most benefit in screening:

Men younger than 55 who are at higher risk: positive family history; African American race

Men between 55 and 69 years of age as decided upon through shared decision making

3) Screen at intervals of two years or more when PSA is <1.0 or as decided upon through shared decision making

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- OR -

United States Preventive Services Task Force, 2012

Prostatic Specific Antigen based screening is not recommended

The benefits of PSA-based screening for prostate cancer do not outweigh the harms.

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