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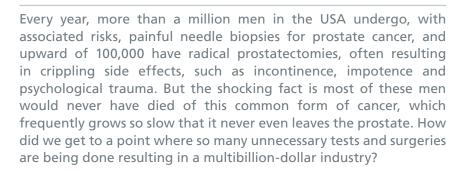
PSA: PEOPLE SEEKING ANSWERS

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The unsavory extrapolation of the "science" of the PSA test beyond its capabilities to serve as a harbinger for the recurrence of prostate cancer for: I) the purpose of screening asymptomatic men for prostate cancer and II) a medical community too quick to biopsy and treat, were the initiating events. These events followed by clever marketing of PSA test manufacturers; the media, through high-profile political, entertainment and professional sports figures "get tested, get diagnosed, get treated" and well-intended but illinformed urologists, screening proliferated to a "fevor which would not disgrace a medieval inquisition". The consequence systematically devastated the quality of life of millions of American men and their families, and depleted our healthcare system of precious resources at an annual cost of \$3 billion for a test that cannot do what it is purporsed to do. Most assuredly the widely known principle in medicine: Primum non nocere (First do no harm) was lost in the tsunami of manipulating science for personal and financial gain. The answer of how we got to the present "the almighty bloody dollar" becomes clear. Nonetheless, it is instructive, lest history repeats itself, we look at the facts – pro and con of PSA screening as they developed the past almost 50 years.



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Richard J. Ablin

Professor Richard J. Ablin discovered prostate-specific antigen (PSA) in 1970, which led to the development of the PSA test. A pioneer of cryosurgery and the concept of "cryoimmunotherapy" for the treatment of cancer, he has extensive experience in cancer research, particularly the development and progression of cancer. Cited in several biographical references, Richard J. Ablin has been an invited speaker at numerous national and international meetings; has contributed numerous articles to professional journals and texts; is co-editor of the book series "Cancer Metastasis - Biology and Treatment" and serves on the editorial board of several journals.

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