

Clinical questions (in guideline order)

Topic 1: Does multiparametric/functional MRI before TRUS biopsy increase diagnostic yield of initial biopsy in men with suspected prostate cancer.

Topic 3: In men who have been referred with suspected prostate cancer, what are the prognostic factors that determine the need for further investigation following a prior negative biopsy(s)?

Topic 2: In men with suspected prostate cancer whose initial TRUS biopsy is negative what should be the next investigation(s): multiparametric magnetic resonance, 3D ultrasound, template biopsy?

Topic 4a: Does staging with MRI improve outcomes in men with prostate cancer?

Topic 4b: In which patients with prostate cancer will MRI staging alter treatment?

Topic 5: Which men with localised prostate cancer should be offered active surveillance?

Topic 6: What is the most effective follow-up protocol for active surveillance?

Topic 7: Which is the most effective radical prostatectomy method for prostate cancer: retropubic, transperineal, laparoscopic or robot-assisted laparoscopic radical prostatectomy?

Topic 8: Is the combination of brachytherapy with external beam radiotherapy more effective than either method alone for localised or locally advanced non metastatic prostate cancer?

Topic 11a: What is the most effective intervention for bowel toxicity following radical radiotherapy for prostate cancer?

Topic 11b: What is the diagnostic yield of screening sigmoidoscopy in the detection of radiation induced bowel cancer?

Topic 9a: Which patients with non- metastatic prostate cancer benefit from a combination of hormones and external beam radiotherapy?

Topic 9b: What is the optimal duration of hormone therapy when combined with radical external beam radiotherapy?

Topic 10: Is intermittent hormone therapy as effective as continuous hormone therapy in men receiving long-term hormonal therapy for prostate cancer?

Topic 12a: What are the adverse cardiovascular effects of long term androgen deprivation and how prevalent are they?

Topic 12e: What is the most effective intervention for hot flushes as a result of long term androgen suppression for prostate cancer?

Topic 12b: Which are the most effective interventions (singly or in combination) for sexual dysfunction as a result of long term androgen suppression for prostate cancer?

Topic 12c: What is the most effective intervention for osteoporosis as a result of long term androgen suppression for prostate cancer?

Topic 12d: What is the most effective intervention for fatigue as a result of long term androgen suppression for prostate cancer?