## About Prostate Cancer National Clinical Guideline

This NCEC National Clinical Guideline covers the staging, diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer. This care is provided by a multidisciplinary team in an acute hospital setting. The majority of patients will require diagnostic tests (radiology, pathology) and depending on the treatment plan may require surgery, chemotherapy and radiation therapy. A proportion of patients may also require palliative care.

This guideline was developed by the National Cancer Control Programme to improve the standard and consistency of clinical practice in line with the best and most recent scientific evidence available.

In 2006, the second national cancer strategy, A Strategy for Cancer Control in Ireland (DoHC, 2006), advocated a comprehensive cancer control programme. It was recommended that national site-specific multidisciplinary groups be convened to develop national evidence-based clinical guidelines for cancer care. The principal objective of developing these guidelines is to improve the quality of care received by patients.

This guideline looks at care for adult patients (18 years or older) with newly diagnosed prostate cancer or with metastases arising from prostate cancer.



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