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Prostate Needle Biopsy

Cancer occurs when abnormal cells form a tumor. A tumor is a lump of cells that grows uncontrolled. Early tests may indicate cancer of the prostate include a digital rectal exam, a PSA (prostate specific antigen blood test), ultrasound, and others.

Prostate needle biopsy is a test to look for prostate cancer. During the 15 to 20 minute procedure, a thin hollow needle is used to take small samples of tissue from the prostate often a few biopsies are taken. The tissue samples are tested in a pathology lab. They are looked at under a microscopic so a diagnosis can be made.

