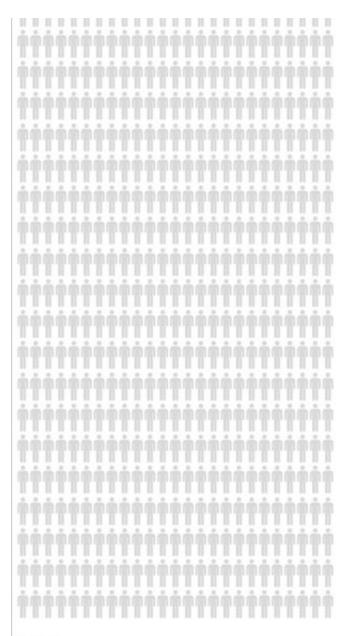


Benefits and Harms of PSA Screening for Prostate Cancer

BENEFITS AND HARMS OF PSA SCREENING FOR PROSTATE CANCER 1,000 men ages 55-69 screened every 1-4 years for 10 years with a PSA test 1,000 men screened. Of these: 100-120 get false-positive results that may cause anxiety and lead to biopsy (Possible side effects of biopsies include serious infections, pain, and bleeding) get a prostate cancer diagnosis, and of these men: · at least 50 will have treatment complications, such as infections, sexual dysfunction,or bladder or bowel control problems · 4-5 die from prostate cancer (5 die among men who do not get screened) death from prostate cancer is avoided



Source:

U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Statement, Annals of Internal Medicine, 2012.