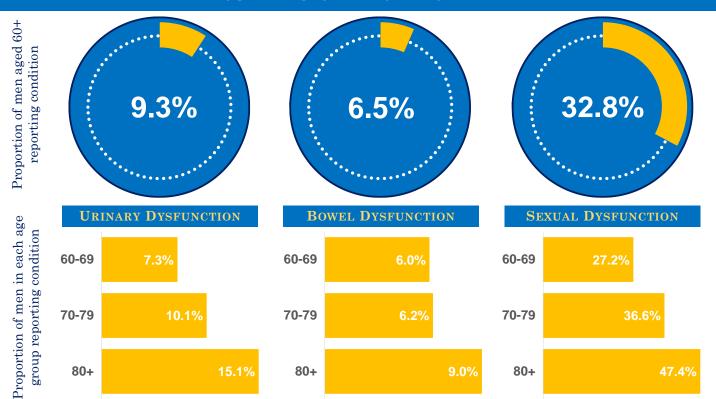
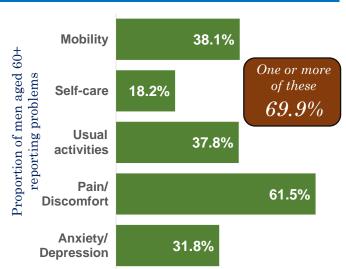
URINARY, BOWEL AND SEXUAL HEALTH IN OLDER MEN FROM NORTHERN IRELAND



Men often report more than one condition

- Two out of five men (38.1%) reported at least one of urinary, bowel, or sexual dysfunction.
 - In a population of 161,000 this is 61,000 men.
- 2.1% indicated they had all three issues.
 - In a population of 161,000 this is 3,400 men.

HEALTH-RELATED QUALITY OF LIFE



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FACTORS INFLUENCING URINARY, BOWEL AND SEXUAL FUNCTION

- Increasing age;
- Living in deprived areas (urinary only) or unemployment (bowel & sexual only);
- Greater number of long-term conditions;
- Obesity and lack of physical activity.

GENERAL HEALTH

On a scale of 0 to 100 (100 = best possible health), men aged 60+ report an average score of 77. Health declines with:

- Increasing age;
- Living in deprived or urban areas;
- *Unemployment;*
- Greater number of long-term conditions;
- Obesity and lack of physical activity;
- Presence of urinary, bowel and/or sexual dysfunction.

Conclusion: Urinary, bowel and sexual dysfunction are common among older men in the general population and impact on their general health. This must be considered when assessing the impact of treatment for prostate cancer (or other illnesses), otherwise adverse treatment effects may be overestimated.











