

N. Ireland Cancer Registry Implications of Research for Services

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Paper Title	Effect of more intense investigation and treatment of prostate cancer on survivor's physical symptoms, psychological wellbeing and health related quality of life: a two country observational study of 3,348 prostate cancer survivors
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Conclusion	<p>The more intense investigation of prostate cancer in Republic of Ireland compared to Northern Ireland did not reduce mortality, but left more men with ongoing side effects from treatment. The side effects were recorded at the same level for Northern Ireland when stage at disease was taken into account.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overall early disease; ongoing incontinence 16%, ongoing impotence 56%. - Late disease; ongoing incontinence 16%, ongoing impotence 67%.
What this means for the service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interpretation PSA testing should only occur in symptomatic men. - Men should be offered a PSA test only after informed discussion.