

# Prostate Cancer Screening

## Screening Digital Rectal Examination

Screening digital rectal examination means a clinical examination of an individual’s prostate for nodules or other abnormalities of the prostate. This screening must be performed by a doctor of medicine or osteopathy (as defined in §1861(r)(1) of the Act), or by a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or by a certified nurse midwife (as defined in §1861(aa) and §1861(gg) of the Act), who is authorized under State law to perform the examination, fully knowledgeable about the beneficiary, and would be responsible for explaining the results of the examination to the beneficiary.

## Screening Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) Tests

Screening prostate specific antigen (PSA) is a test that measures the level of prostate specific antigen in an individual’s blood. This screening must be ordered by the beneficiary’s physician or by the beneficiary’s physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or certified nurse midwife (the term “physician” is defined in §1861(r)(1) of the Act to mean a doctor of medicine or osteopathy and the terms “physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or certified nurse midwife” are defined in §1861(aa) and §1861(gg) of the Act) who is fully knowledgeable about the beneficiary, and who would be responsible for explaining the results of the test to the beneficiary.

## HCPCS/CPT Codes

G0102	Digital Rectal Exam (DRE)
G0103	Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) test

## Diagnosis Code

Z12.5	Encounter for screening for malignant neoplasm of prostate
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## Medicare Coverage:

- Male beneficiaries aged 50 and older
- Coverage begins day after 50th birthday
- G0102 bundled into covered evaluation and management service when furnished on same day, however covered with preventative exam

## Note:

Billing and payment for a Digital Rectal Exam (DRE) (G0102) is bundled into the payment for a covered E/M service (CPT codes 99201 - 99456 and 99499) when the two services are furnished to a patient on the same day. If the DRE is the only service or is provided as part of an otherwise noncovered service, HCPCS code G0102 would be payable separately if all other coverage requirements are met.

## Frequency:

- Annually for screening

## Medicare Beneficiary Pays:

- G0102 - Copayment/coinsurance applies; Deductible applies
- G0103 - Copayment/coinsurance waived; Deductible waived

## Resources:

<https://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jeb/topics/preventive-services/i-z#prostate>