

# Early Presentation of Cancer Symptoms:

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# Prostate Cancer Symptom Sheet

Prostate cancer normally causes no symptoms until the cancer has grown large enough to put pressure on the urethra. This normally results in problems associated with urination. The early symptoms of prostate cancer include;

- difficulty in starting to urinate or pee
- a weak, sometimes intermittent flow of urine
- dribbling of urine before and after urinating
- a frequent or urgent need to pass urine (more often, usually during the night)
- feeling that your bladder has not emptied
- rarely, blood in your urine or semen and pain when passing urine
- If prostate cancer spreads to other parts of your body, other symptoms can develop such as:
  - pain in your bones, such as your back and hips
  - pain in your testicles
  - weight loss
  - impotence

### Top symptoms to be aware of:

- Difficulties with urinating
- Starting
- Dribbling
- Peeing more often

People should always contact their GP if they experience any of the symptoms listed above.

**While they are unlikely to be the result of prostate cancer, these types of symptoms always need to be investigated further.**

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