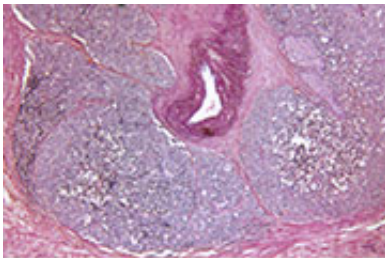


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Microscopic view of prostate cancer

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Kathryn T. Dinh, from Harvard Medical School in Boston, and colleagues studied 10,273 patients from the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results database diagnosed with clinically low-risk disease. The authors sought to examine the incidence of pathological upgrading and up staging. Participants who had cT1c/T2a, prostate-specific antigen 60 years, prostate-specific antigen >5.0 ng/ml, and >25 percent positive cores (adjusted odds ratios [aORs], 1.39, 1.28, and 1.76; all P

"Low-risk patients should be considered for further diagnostic imaging

or guided biopsies based on prostate-specific antigen and percent positive cores before choosing [active surveillance](#)," the authors write.

Two authors disclosed financial ties to the medical device and biopharmaceutical industries.

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