

Richard's History

I was diagnosed with PCa at age 52 after my first PSA test came back at 19. Had radical prostatectomy at age 53, with seminal vesicle involvement and extra-capsular extension. Followed that with salvage radiotherapy. PSA kept climbing, so I went on Lupron. Then, I switched to transdermal estradiol—first with a patch, then gel—after a couple of years and that kept my PSA below the detectable limit. After a decade or so, my oncologist wondered if I had cured my PCa, so I stopped using the estradiol gel, but within ~ 2 months my PSA rose into the detectable range and rose a bit more on the next blood draw. I went back on estradiol gel and my PSA declined to below the detectable limit again.