



**Prostate cancer can be a devastating disease**, so if you, a loved one or someone you know has been diagnosed with prostate cancer, here are some questions to ask your doctor.

Remember, there are a number of treatment options available for the treatment of prostate cancer. What is important is how effective the treatment is and what the long and short-term side effects are.

Seed brachytherapy is a minimally invasive procedure in which tiny radioactive seeds are implanted into the prostate around the cancerous cells. Unlike radical/robotic prostatectomy (surgery) which can take up to 6 weeks to recover from, or IMRT (external beam treatment) which can take up to 8 weeks to complete the treatment, seed brachytherapy is an outpatient procedure that takes less than an hour. Seed brachytherapy has been a successful treatment option for more than 20 years with long-term survival rates for low and intermediate risk patients in the high 90% and high 80% respectively, and minimal side effects when compared to radical prostatectomy and IMRT.

## What to ask your doctor about your cancer

What treatments do you recommend based on my stage of the disease?

Why are you recommending this particular treatment option for me?

What are the risks versus benefit of the treatments you recommend?

Are there any other treatment options I should consider?

How long have you been performing these treatments and how many have you done?

How do your patients compare in terms of survival and incidence of side effects to the published averages?

Do you offer Proxcelan Cesium I31 seeds for permanent seed brachytherapy?

If I prefer to receive seed brachytherapy using Proxcelan seeds, will you provide those seeds for my treatment?

If not, who would you recommend I get treated by?

**Remember to be informed** before visiting your doctor to discuss treatment options. When doing your research put together a list of your questions so that at your office visit you can make sure to get the answers from your physician. If your physician does not give you all your options or you are not comfortable with your

physician's responses do not hesitate to get a second opinion. If you are interested in seed brachytherapy using Proxcelan but do not know of a physician in your area please contact us at [info@isoray.com](mailto:info@isoray.com) and we will be happy to direct you to a physician in your area.