

Questions for Dr. Ahlering:

1. Do I need bone scan or CT scan? What do I lose by doing the bone scan?
2. What kind of cancer do I have (Adenocarcinoma)?
3. What "stage" is my cancer? Please explain the letters and alphabets.
4. Is Gleason score 6 (3+3) mean it is localized? What do the two scores mean?
5. What does AMACR positive mean?
6. What do the percentages (15%, 28% and 10%) in the report mean?
7. Are my lymph nodes impacted?
8. Are my seminal vessels impacted?
9. Are there other areas such as the colon, bone, etc. that could be impacted?

10. What is the volume of my prostate?
11. Are the nerves that cause erection impacted by surgery?
12. What does slow growing cancer mean?
13. How long did I have the cancer?
14. Why is my PSA score so low or high?
15. Do I need a PSA test now?
16. What could be cause of my cancer considering no family history and my age?
17. What are my chances for regaining continence?
18. What are my chances for regaining erection?
19. What is the level of erections expected?

20. What are the disadvantages of non-surgery treatment? What are the chances of cancer coming back?

21. If I have my prostate removed what are the chances of cancer coming back? Where does it comeback?

22. Since my surgery is in the afternoon, can I stay overnight or for 24 hours at the hospital?

23. How much pain is there after the surgery?

24. Is it advisable to not have intercourse until surgery?

25. If the surgery is on the _____, how long should I take time off from work?

26. When will the catheter be removed?

27. What are the other side-effects of prostatectomy?

28. Can I exercise/run between now and surgery?

29. When can I travel again?

30. Considering my track record is there a higher chance that I will get some other cancer later in life?

31. Are there other things that I should be aware of?

32. How many cases have you've done, and has anyone died?