

With improved treatment options, the likelihood of a full recovery for prostate cancer is high. However, a failure to diagnose prostate cancer could result in devastating consequences. If you or someone you love was the victim of medical negligence, you should speak immediately with Cleveland, Ohio medical malpractice lawyers.

## **Symptoms of Prostate Cancer**

There are symptoms that men may experience that should indicate to doctors a need for further testing. When those symptoms are ignored or downplayed, your doctor may be held liable.

Here are some of the common symptoms of prostate cancer:

- stiffness/pain in back, pelvis, hips or thighs;
- blood in semen or urine;
- burning or pain while urinating;
- frequent urination (particularly at night);
- painful ejaculation;
- difficulty urinating; and
- weak or interrupted urinary flow.

When symptoms such as these are present, tests can be run to determine if it is prostate cancer. The earlier the cancer is detected, the better the chance of treating it and/or keeping it contained so that it doesn't spread throughout the body.

Tests for prostate cancer may include prostate-specific antigen (PSA), digital rectal examination (DRE) and transrectal ultrasound (TRUS). Although these tests may be run, failure to diagnose prostate cancer could happen if the results aren't read correctly.

## **Compensation for Failure to Diagnose Prostate Cancer in Ohio**

When caught early, prostate cancer isn't a death sentence. Advanced treatment options are available, including chemo, radiation and surgery. However, a failure to diagnose could lead to the cancer advancing or spreading. When it becomes difficult or impossible to treat your cancer, you may be entitled to compensation, which can be addressed by medical malpractice lawyers.

Compensation can include your current and future medical expenses. This may cover your hospitalization, medicine, doctor visits, tests and other medical treatments related to your prostate cancer.

You also may be eligible to receive compensation for your current and future lost earnings. If the cancer has progressed to a point where you are no longer able to care for your family financially, your earning potential may be compensated.

There may be other recoverable damages that address physical and emotional losses such as pain and suffering, mental anguish, disability, reduced quality of life, and wrongful death. When a loved one is the victim of a failure to diagnose, and it leads to their death, the surviving family members may be entitled to compensation.

No matter where you receive medical treatment -- whether it is at a large clinic such as Cleveland Clinic or a smaller one, such as Lakewood Medical Associates -- you have the right to expect that your doctor will provide a duty of care that is safe. If their duty of care to you as a patient is breached, the doctor may be held liable for the resulting injuries.

To learn if you have a legitimate claim worth pursuing and whether you are entitled to seek compensation for the injuries you have suffered as a result of a failure to diagnose, you should seek legal help in Ohio. [Cleveland medical malpractice lawyers](#) are available to evaluate your case.