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**September 18-24 is Prostate Cancer Awareness Week**  
Champaign-Urbana Public Health District Opens New  
Men's Clinic; Services Include Free Prostate Blood Test

Today begins Prostate Cancer Awareness Week, a national program of the Prostate Cancer Education Council. Public Health is responding to the local problem of access to prostate cancer tests by opening a Men's Clinic which will include free prostate cancer screenings to men age 40 and up. The clinic will also offer tests for sexually transmitted diseases and HIV.

Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related death in American men. Those with a family history of prostate cancer are at higher risk. African-American men are at twice the risk of other men and should be screened starting at age 35.

Public Health's special clinic for men will be open every Monday from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District main building, 710 N. Neil St., Champaign. Men of any age may attend the clinic, which will also provide testing for sexually transmitted diseases and HIV. Men age 40 and older are eligible for the free prostate cancer blood test.

Prostate blood tests will now also be free on all Public Health mobile clinics that serve adults (Wellness on Wheels). The mobile unit schedule is:

1st Friday of the month	Catholic Worker House	11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
2nd Friday of the month	Washington Square	10 a.m. - noon
3rd Friday of the month	Restoration Urban Ministries	10 a.m. - noon
4th Friday of the month	Skelton Place	10 a.m. - noon

Prostate cancer is more common than any other major cancer – every three minutes an American man finds out he has prostate cancer. Nearly 30,000 men die from it every year...

The best way to beat prostate cancer is by detecting it in its earliest stage and the only way to detect it early is through screening.

The free prostate cancer screenings are funded via a grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois Prostate and Testicular Cancer Program.

Prostate Cancer Awareness Week (PCAW), a national program of the Prostate Cancer Education Council, will be held September 18 – 23, 2006. PCAW is one of the oldest and most successful cancer screening programs in history. It is a program involving hundreds of screening sites nationwide that offer free or low-cost screenings, in addition to producing valuable information on research issues key to eliminating this threat.

You may also visit [www.PCAW.com](http://www.PCAW.com) for more information on prostate cancer.

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