

How your support for Smiling for Smiddy can help create a better future for men with prostate cancer.



In Australia today, nine men will die from prostate cancer*.

Even more heartbreaking is that **one in every six men** is predicted to develop prostate cancer in their lifetime.



But we believe that every man diagnosed with prostate cancer **deserves a better future.**

If you believe in this too, we would love to work with you. Perhaps you, or someone close to you, has had prostate cancer? Together, we can improve the lives of men with prostate cancer by supporting research that is happening right now at Mater—research that could change the diagnosis, and prognosis, of men with prostate cancer in the future.

Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, the good news is we have already made great headway in improving the lives of men with prostate cancer. For almost two decades, Mater's researchers have been working around-the-clock to improve diagnostics and treatments for a range of cancers including prostate—but there is still so much for us to do.

How you can help provide hope today

Our world-class research institute—Mater Research—delivers medical and clinical research that aims to translate researcher findings from 'bench to bedside' as quickly as possible; directly benefiting patients at Mater, across Australia and around the world. Right now, a number of promising and world-leading prostate cancer research projects are underway, including:

- ▶ **Development of a vaccine for prostate cancer:** Associate Professor Kristen Radford and her team have come a long way in developing a therapeutic vaccine which would enable a person's immune system to kill cancer cells and eliminate them from the body. If successful, we could see the development of a 'next generation' therapeutic vaccination which would offer a practical, and more affordable, treatment approach for use in men with prostate cancer.



▶ Mapping the prostate cancer journey: Professor Janet Hardy and her team are looking into the genetic basis of prostate cancer symptoms by analysing the genome of patients living with the disease. This research seeks to understand why some men suffer much worse symptoms than others who have a similar cancer. If successful, early symptom treatment could ease the burden of men's prostate cancer symptoms, and improve their quality of life.

“Men can live with prostate cancer for a long period of time—often for many years. We want to find out about their healthcare needs, who is supporting them, what symptoms do they have, do they have pain, how well are they being managed, what is their quality of life and what sort of impact is the treatment having on their families?”

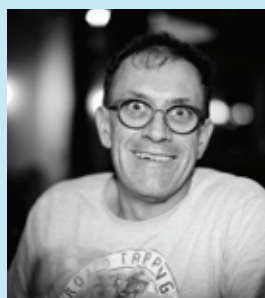
Professor Janet Hardy, Mater Research

▶ Looking at prostate cancer bone metastasis: In a promising breakthrough, Professor John Hooper and his team at Mater Research have discovered a cell receptor that promotes inflammation and is involved in the metastasis of prostate cancer to the bone—a location that cancer often spreads to. By better understanding this process, Professor Hooper and his team hope to slow down prostate cancer metastasis or prevent it from occurring.

Did you know?

Mater offers support to men with prostate cancer through our specialist Mater Cancer Care Centres located in Brisbane, Redland and Springfield. Here, men can access all of the medical care and support services they need in one convenient location.

These highly specialised, state-of-the-art facilities provide men with comprehensive and compassionate care that is personalised to their individual needs. From oncology appointments to counselling, music and art therapy, occupational therapy, psychology and physiotherapy—these services are all part of Mater's exceptional service delivery.



“In early 2017, I needed to have my prostate removed. Thankfully they caught it early and I should

be good from here on out but early detection is key to surviving prostate cancer; tell everyone you know about prostate cancer. You could even save your own life.”

Jim Ramsay, Smiling for Smiddy rider

Please join us in creating a better future

Sadly the prognosis for prostate cancer has not improved in recent times, and too many men are still dying every day. By helping the ongoing, and long term, investment in prostate cancer research, you too can help our work in improving these numbers.

Thank you to all our generous donors who have already supported the work of Mater in creating a better future for men with prostate cancer. If you would like to show your support, contact us today and let's start a conversation about how you can be involved.

“Cancer research provides hope, and everyone deserves to have hope.”

Kris Ramsay, Smiling for Smiddy rider and Mater Oncology Nurse.



“Research is the greatest tool we have in the fight against cancer.”

Associate Professor Kristen Radford, Mater Researcher

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