Do a TSE monthly or as advised by your health care provider.

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## Testicular Self-Exam (TSE)

Do a TSE after a warm bath or shower. This relaxes the scrotum, allows the testicles to drop down, and makes it easier to find anything unusual. Doing a TSE is easy and takes only a few minutes.

1. Stand in front of a mirror. Look for any swelling

on the skin of the scrotum.

2. Examine each testicle with both hands. Place the index and middle fingers underneath the testicle and the thumbs on top. Gently roll one then the other testicle between the thumbs



and fingers. One testicle may be larger. This is normal. Examine for any lumps (usually painless and about the size of a pea [https://www.documber.com/documber.c

- **3.** Find the epididymis (the comma-shaped cord behind the testicle). This may be tender to the touch. Examine it for lumps.
- **4.** Examine the vas deferens (the tubelike structure at the back of each testicle) for lumps.





The advice on this card is not meant to take the place of expert medical care.

## **Contact Your Health Care Provider For:**

- A lump on a testicle, epididymis, or vas deferens
- An enlarged testicle
- A heavy feeling, pain, or discomfort in the testicle or scrotum or a change in the way the testicle feels
- · A dull ache in the lower abdomen or the groin
- A sudden collection of fluid in the scrotum
- Enlarged or tender breasts

These can be signs cancer or other conditions. When found early, testicular cancer is very curable. This is why a monthly TSE is very important.

## **Recommended Screening Tests for Men**

| Test                               | Ages 20-40                                      | Ages            | 40–50                          | Ages 50+           |
|------------------------------------|---|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Testicular Self-Exam               | Monthly (starting at age 15)                    |                 |                                |                    |
| Blood Pressure                     | At every office visit or at least every 2 years |                 |                                |                    |
| Cholesterol<br>Blood Test          | Every 5 years                                   |                 |                                |                    |
| Digital Rectal Exam                |   | Disc<br>with pr |                                | Every year         |
| Prostate-Specific<br>Antigen (PSA) | Discuss with provider                           |                 |                                |                    |
| Stool Blood Test                   |   |                 |                                | Every year         |
| Sigmoidoscopy                      |   |                 |                                | Every 3 to 5 years |
| Diabetes Screening                 |   |                 | very 3 years<br>ting at age 45 |                    |
| Breast Exam                        | Discuss with provider                           |                 |                                |                    |

## **For More Information, Contact:**

- American Cancer Society at 1-800 ACS-2345 or www.cancer.org
- Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER or www.nci.nih.gov

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