

## PROSTATE SPECIFIC ANTIGEN (PSA)

The Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) is a protein produced by the epithelial cells of the prostate gland. Its function is to fluidify the ejaculate and to increase sperm mobility.

PSA also plays a role in dissolving cervical mucus, allowing sperm to enter the uterus. Small quantities of PSA are normally found in the blood of men with a healthy prostate.

PSA levels may increase with prostate pathologies (prostatitis, benign prostatic hyperplasia etc.), naturally with age or after prostate surgery or specific diagnosis tests (such as rectal examination, prostate biopsy etc.).

### WHO ARE THE INTENDED USERS

PROSTATE PSA TEST is intended for:

- men who do not have symptoms, aged over 45, who wish to check their prostate;
- men with urinary tract symptoms (difficulty urinating, pain, increased frequency).

## WHY-BENEFITS

Checking the level of the PSA is useful to verify prostate health status. In case of cancer, early detection and prevention can be life saving.

### **TEST PRINCIPLE**

PROSTATE PSA TEST is an immunochromatographic assay which detects the PSA thanks to special monoclonal goldconjugate antibodies embedded to test strip.

# berkeleyhealth PROSTATE PSA

Self-test for the determination of the Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) in whole blood samples







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**NEGATIVE** 

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#### **TECH SPECS**

CUT-OFF	SENSITIVITY	SPECIFICITY	OVERALL ACCURACY
4 ng/mL	97.22%	87.13%	92.34%

Performance data obtained by clinical study with 209 participants enrolled. Abbott Alinity has been utilized as reference method.

### CONTENT:

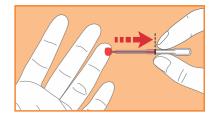
1 sealed aluminium pouch containing: 1 test device and 1 desiccant bag; 1 transparent plastic bag containing a pipette for blood collecting; 1 vial with dropper containing the diluent; 2 sterile lancets for blood sampling; 1 alcohol swab and 1 instructions for use leaflet.

## **CLINICAL EVIDENCES**

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### **HOW TO USE IT**

1) Take a blood sample after pricking the finger.



2) Deposit the sample into the specimen well of the cassette.



3) Add 2 drops into the well and wait 5 minutes before reading the result.

