

USPSTF Prostate Cancer Screening Guidelines Need Emotion To Resonate

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Now, with the USPSTF is [recommending against screening for prostate cancer](#) [1], gas is about to be poured on the proverbial fire.

Recently, the *New York Times Magazine* published a lengthy piece on the issue, perhaps not coincidentally, [perfectly timed](#) [2] with the Task Force's announcement.

In 2009, advocates for [breast cancer screening](#) [3] were up in arms, with the Task Force recommending that mammograms for women between the ages of 40 and 49 were optional, and decision individually made between patients and providers.

This time, the recommendation against prostate cancer screening is more forceful, and is bound to not only be politicized, but attacked by specialists and prostate cancer survivors.

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