

# High-Tech Tx Overused In Low-Risk Prostate Cancer?

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The use of advanced treatment technologies for prostate cancer has increased among men with low-risk disease, researchers found, despite uncertainty that these patients will benefit from these treatments.

In a retrospective review of men diagnosed with prostate cancer between 2004 and 2009, the use of advanced technologies, such as intensity-modulated radiotherapy (IMRT), increased from 32 percent to 44 percent among those with low-risk disease ( $P < 0.001$ ) and from 36 percent to 57 percent among those with high risk of noncancer mortality ( $P < 0.001$ ), according to Brent Hollenbeck, MD, of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and colleagues.

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