

The benefits of a prostate cancer screening tool

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Multiparametric magnetic resonance imaging of the prostate (mpMRI) is a promising tool for diagnosing prostate cancer, and prior to its availability, detection relied on clinical exams and prostate specific antigen screening.

In a study published in *BJU International*, investigators found that the availability of mpMRI in Australia since 2012 has correlated with significantly reduced numbers of [prostate](#) biopsies by an average of 354.7 per month, with an estimated annual saving of \$13.2 million.

"Our research shows publically funded prostate MRI not only represents good policy in terms of health equity, but it also makes sense from a financial perspective," said lead author Thomas Whish-Wilson, BBiomedSc, MD, of St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne and The University of Melbourne, in Australia.

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