

Prostate Markers

Circulating Tumor Cells

Monitoring Disease

The test to assess Circulating Tumor Cells (CTCs) is a blood test that determines the levels of CTCs in the blood of men with advanced prostate cancer and may help predict the patient's outcome.

Science:

The CTC assay is intended to count the number of tumor cells in whole blood, which can be a biomarker for a therapeutic response to certain treatments for prostate cancer.

Results:

Increased levels of CTCs in the blood of men with advanced prostate cancer may predict a worse outcome for that patient. CTC's are currently being researched to improve CTC detection techniques and determine if the test may be useful to predict a patient's response to a treatment in addition to survival outcomes.



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