



MEN AGAINST CANCER

MAC is a volunteer patient support group for men with prostate or testicular cancer and for men who have other prostatic conditions. MAC was founded in 1993 and for some years operated as one of the [Irish Cancer Society's](#) peer-to-peer patient support groups. With the dissolution of the Society's own groups MAC now operates on an independent basis but with continued cooperation with the Society. Many MAC members participate in the Society's Survivors Supporting Survivors programme and other patient support programmes such as Daffodil Centres and The Volunteer Driving Service.

MAC services are free of charge and members carry out its work in the following ways:

Peer-to-peer support: trained volunteers talk to newly diagnosed men about their initial diagnosis or recurrence.

Many of the referrals to MAC volunteers come from the ICS Helpline, from the hospital-based Daffodil Centres and from community-based cancer groups and centres as well as personal contacts.

Publications - MAC produces information leaflets, occasional newsletters and other information material and members contribute articles to various print media and the MAC website.

Members meet patients in Rapid Access Clinics and Daffodil Centres and other hospitals.

Public and private meetings where MAC members talk about their own experiences and about the developments in prostate cancer diagnosis and treatment in Ireland.

MAC is a member of the European Prostate Cancer Coalition - [Europa Uomo](#) and through this organisation MAC has access to the leading European prostate cancer researchers and clinicians.

