

Mr. Reisman

My battle with prostate cancer has a long history. It took me one year and four months after my diagnosis to finally get treatment. **NONE** of my doctors in Vero Beach mentioned proton therapy as a treatment option. My urologist in Vero Beach (a surgeon) provided me a 200-page book to read on prostate cancer and there was not one mention of proton therapy. My Vero Beach urologist told me I was too old for surgery (I'm 85 years old) therefore he would recommend Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy. After reviewing the possible side effects of IMRT and learning from a close relative who developed bladder cancer five years after his IMRT, I decided to do some research on my own. Thanks to the Internet I learned about the University of Florida Health Proton Therapy Institute.

Today my major concern is that the 280,000 men who will develop prostate cancer in 2023 will never hear about proton therapy. And what about those men who read your paper? After reading Doctor Roache's column, I doubt that they would even consider proton beam therapy.

There is research supporting Proton Beam Therapy and I suggest you contact Dr Mendenhall at UF Health. He is an expert in this field.

[A Short YouTube video explaining Proton Therapy](#)

[Link to UFHealth Proton Therapy Institute – Prostate Cancer](#)

[Prostate Cancer Stat Facts](#)

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