

## PEYRONIE'S DISEASE

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Disclaimer: Please recognize that I am not a Medical Doctor. I have been an avid student researching and studying prostate cancer as a survivor and continuing patient since 1992. I have dedicated my retirement years to continued research and study in order to serve as an advocate for prostate cancer awareness, and, from a activist patient's viewpoint, to help patients, caregivers, and others interested develop an understanding of prostate cancer, its treatment options, and the treatment of the side effects that often accompany treatment. Readers of this paper must understand that the comments or recommendations I make are not intended to be the procedure to blindly follow; rather, they are to be reviewed as my opinion, then used for further personal research, study, and subsequent discussion with the medical professional/physician providing prostate cancer care.

A few well explained papers regarding Peyronie's disease (curvature of the penis) can be found at the URLs below; a check of the internet will find many more. Unfortunately, there appears to be no tried and true treatment, though several suggestions are provided. One patient has remarked that he had a 45 degree "crook" in his penis, but with treatment of three injections of the medication Xiaflex, of the 8 considered necessary to correct such curvature, his curvature had improved to only 10 degrees. Xiaflex is another very expensive medication at \$3300.00 per injection with 8 injections totaling \$26,000.00. The patient remarked that his health insurance is covering the cost. Hopefully the same is available for those with various health insurance coverage. I would expect (but don't know) that with known FDA approval Medicare also covers...at least at its percentage of coverage. Checking online there is expense assistance by the manufacturer for at least \$1000.00 of out-of-pocket cost.

More info here: <http://tinyurl.com/qdgs3ma>

For anyone experiencing extreme discomfort, it would probably behoove them contacting an institution that specializes in the treatment of this condition.

<http://kidney.niddk.nih.gov/Kudiseases/pubs/peyronie/> .

<http://www.peyronies.org/>

<http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/peyronies-disease/DS00427>

[http://www.malereproduction.com/18\\_penilecurve.html](http://www.malereproduction.com/18_penilecurve.html)

<http://www.peyronies-disease-help.com/>

I recommend that for those interested in this subject of Peyronie's disease, and a wealth of other information regarding sexual issues, that "Saving Your Sex Life - A Guide For Men With Prostate Cancer" by Dr. John Mulhall of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) in NYC, be purchased. This issue is very well explained in Chapter 8 beginning on page 116. To order, copy and paste the name of his book to your internet search box to open several articles, or go to [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and search the title. This is an outstanding book that should be in the library of every prostate cancer patient.