



## Did You Know?...

- ▶ **A TOP KILLER OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN.** Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in African American men (second only to lung cancer).
- ▶ **MORE LIKELY TO AFFECT AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN.** African American men are more than twice as likely to die of prostate cancer than any other racial or ethnic group.
- ▶ **FAMILY HISTORY - A CRITICAL LINK.** Having a single relative with prostate cancer doubles a man's risk. Having two or more relatives with prostate cancer increases the risk ten times.
- ▶ **WEIGHT INCREASES RISK.** Being overweight increases the risk of getting prostate cancer 2 1/2 times and increases the risk of dying from prostate cancer 3 1/2 times.
- ▶ **SMOKING INCREASES RISK.** Smoking increases the risk of developing prostate cancer by 34%.
- ▶ **NORTH CAROLINA HAS HIGHEST RATE.** More African American men die of prostate cancer in North Carolina than in any other state in the country.

## NORTH CAROLINA MINORITY PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS ACTION TEAM ROSTER

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