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## **Virginia Mason to Host “Drive Against Prostate Cancer” Free Screenings**

**SEATTLE – (July 20, 2010)** – More than 55 million American men are at risk for prostate cancer, and early detection is key. That’s why Virginia Mason Medical Center, in partnership with ZERO: The Project to End Prostate Cancer and KOMO 4, will host the only mobile, free prostate cancer testing program Thursday, July 29, in Seattle and Friday, July 30, in Issaquah from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Drive Against Prostate Cancer screening is free, confidential and does not require an appointment or health insurance. Volunteers will be available to explain the screening process and answer any questions, and Virginia Mason providers will staff the screening. Additional health information for men and women alike will be available at both locations.

The screening consists of a simple blood test known as a prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test and an optional physical exam. Patients will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Results are confidential and will be sent to patients in three to four weeks. Patients with high PSA scores will receive a follow-up call from Virginia Mason.

The mobile unit will be located near the intersection of Ninth Avenue and Seneca Street in front of the Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason in Seattle. In Issaquah, the unit will be located in the parking lot of the Virginia Mason Issaquah clinic at 100 N.E. Gilman Blvd., in Issaquah.

Last year, Virginia Mason offered this community benefit and screened more than 350 men providing the free blood tests and exams.

### **About Virginia Mason Medical Center**

Virginia Mason Medical Center, founded in 1920, is a non-profit comprehensive regional health care system in Seattle that combines a primary and specialty care group practice of more than 440 physicians with a 336-bed acute-care hospital. Virginia Mason operates a network of clinics throughout the Puget Sound area; manages Bailey-Boushay House, a nursing residence and Chronic Care Management program for people living with HIV and AIDS; and operates Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason, internationally recognized in autoimmune disease research. Virginia Mason is known for applying manufacturing principles to health care to improve quality and patient safety. For more information, visit [VirginiaMason.org](http://VirginiaMason.org) or [Facebook/VMcares](https://www.facebook.com/VMcares) or follow @VirginiaMason on Twitter.

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