

Independent Study Title	Quality of Life of Prostate Cancer Patients That Receive Complementary and Alternative Medicine in Thailand
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ABSTRACT

This independent study is intended to investigate and collect complementary and alternative medicine treatments that are applicable to prostate cancer patients. The study also compares satisfaction level and quality of life after receiving conventional treatment alone with those after receiving both conventional and alternative and complementary medicine treatments in prostate cancer patients in Thailand.

In this independent study, the participants include 16 prostate cancer patients who have received both conventional and complementary and alternative medicine treatments. The study is conducted by collecting general information, personal information, complementary and alternative medicine treatment choices, satisfaction level and quality of life after receiving complementary and alternative medicine treatments. It has been found that both satisfaction and quality of life levels after receiving complementary and alternative medicine treatments together with conventional medicine are higher than those after receiving conventional treatment only with statistical significance at p-value less than 0.05.

This independent study indicates that complementary and alternative medicine treatments are applicable for treating prostate cancer patients. Recommendations from doctors together with patients' acceptance and willingness to receive the treatments are essential to the success of the treatment and better quality of life of the patients.

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