

When fraud in science and medicine matters.

a case study of the prostate and EPCA-2

As a man over the age of 65 I was interested in a blood test discovery touted to be more definitive than the PSA test. Its accuracy regarding the incidence of cancer was potentially sufficient to replace prostate biopsies altogether. Such biopsies have common side effects, such as incontinence, ED and constipation while being not especially good at making positive diagnoses of cancer.

The practice of modern science is international and available to everyone. Many millions of persons on the earth practice science. Claims that arouse heated interest are closely scrutinized and fraud is impossible if not unthinkable. Here is a case in point, in which EPCA-2 is no better than a coin toss in predicting prostate cancer.

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