Pathway for opportunistic conversations with patients

The below is a pathway that can be used for having opportunistic conversations with patients, understanding roles and responsibilities, along with a sample conversation and SNOMED code to log your intervention.

**STEP ONE: ADMIN IDENTIFY TARGET GROUP WHEN BOOKING APPOINTMENTS**

- Men aged 50-70
- Black men aged 45-70
- Men with family history are at high risk at 45 but may not always be identifiable in an audit
- Family history of breast cancer and/or prostate cancer

Exclude men who:

- Have a diagnosis of prostate cancer
- Had a PSA blood test within the last 12 months
- Are on an end of life pathway

**STEP TWO: ADMIN**

Create alert/flag for GP or nurse to have an opportunistic conversation with patients

**STEP THREE: GP/ NURSE**

“We are speaking to men over 45 who are Black/men over 50, to provide information about their potential prostate cancer risk. Would you like to speak to someone in the surgery about this?”

**STEP FOUR: SNOMED CODE FOR EVALUATION PURPOSES**

Create SNOMED code to evaluate impact for opportunistic patient risk review.

Or alternatively, use this code if not in use:
918771000000104 | Opportunistic patient review (procedure) |

**RESOURCES**

- Bulk order Prostate Cancer UK resources by [registering](#)
- Specialist Nurse line:
  Patients can speak to our nurses about their risk and the PSA blood test by calling 0800 071 83 83 or visiting [prostatecanceruk.org](http://prostatecanceruk.org)
- **Education** for health professionals