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Cannon Hospital Receives Grant for Free PSA Testing

Pickens, SC- June is Men's Health Month and Cannon Hospital is taking extra efforts to make testing for prostate cancer more available to men in Pickens County. As part of a grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation, Cannon's Wellness Department is offering free PSA testing to those who qualify. "Prostate cancer is one of the most treatable cancers if detected early, and the PSA test is a simple blood test that can detect elevated prostate specific antigen (PSA) levels, which is a possible sign of prostate cancer," said Ami Hinkle, Cannon's Health and Wellness Nurse Supervisor. PSA testing is recommended for all men beginning at age 50, while African Americans or those with a family history of prostate cancer should begin screenings at age 40.

There are a limited number of free tests available. To find out if you qualify for a free PSA test, call 898-1333. Cannon also offers discounted PSA testing every Wednesday at Wellness Wednesday from 7- 10am at the Wellness Annex across from the hospital in Pickens. A PSA is \$16 and does not require a physician's order. Other test offered at Wellness Wednesday include a lipid panel with a free cardiac risk assessment \$22, TSH \$16, A1C \$10, ALT/AST \$10. For a complete listing of test offered log onto www.CannonHospital.org.