

## Prostate drive

The Ministry of Health prostate cancer awareness campaign is under way and patient information brochures have recently been sent out to general practitioners. The aim of this brochure is to provide information for men and their families about this malignancy that kills over 600 New Zealand men every year.

The article "Doctors slate prostate leaflet" (Jan 18) highlights the need for up to date, accurate and non-emotive information. A small number of critics opposed to prostate cancer testing have voiced concerns regarding this brochure.

The brochure was constructed by a diverse group of lay people as well as the medical specialists and general practitioners who treat prostate cancer to ensure their content would best meet the needs of New Zealanders.

We believe the brochure enables men and their families to be well informed about prostate

cancer and involved in the decision making process to test for this important malignancy.

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