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Mobile County Health Department to offer free prostate cancer screenings Saturday in Prichard

Mobile County Health Department personnel will travel to Prichard on Saturday, Aug. 28, with the department's new mobile health clinic to offer free prostate cancer screenings. The screenings will be available from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the William "Bill" Clark Family Life Center, 2501 W. Main St.

In emphasizing the importance of getting screened for prostate cancer, Dr. Bernard Eichold, Health Officer, points out that, although it is the No. 2 cause of cancer death in men, it is one of the most treatable if caught in the early stages.

"In fact, the 10-year survival rate for prostate cancer is 93 percent if it is detected and treated early," he says.

Eichold also says that, in the United States, prostate cancer occurs almost 70 percent more often in African-American men than it does in Caucasian men; and African-American men are twice as likely to die of prostate cancer as Caucasian men are.

For more information about the free screenings, call 690-8957.

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