

# Quality of life outcomes after primary treatment for clinically localised prostate cancer: A systematic review

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Author, year and PROM tool used	Interventions	N at bas elin e	Baseline QoL scores	FU	Reported	Results	Reported p-values or Hazard Ratios with confidence intervals
					Estimated difference of EPIC score between the two intervention arms Mean (SD) Higher values refer to better function		P-values
Crook 2011	Radical prostatectomy	66	NR	mean of	Urinary: 88.15 (11.47) Bowel: 94.37 (8.91) Sexual: 39.22 (25.35) Hormonal: 89.98 (12.79)		Urinary: 0.02 <i>favouring BT</i> Bowel: 0.34
EPIC	Brachytherapy	102	months	Urinary: 91.82 (8.53) Bowel: 93.0 (11.62) Sexual: 52.54 (24.06) Hormonal: 93.52 (8.27)		Sexual: 0.001 favouring BT Hormonal: 0.1	
					Cancer specific quality of life EPIC scores at 12 months	Cancer specific quality of life EPIC scores at 24 months	
					Mean (SD)  Higher values refer to better function	Mean (SD)  Higher values refer to better function	
	Active monitoring	545	Urinary incontinence: 93.5 (11.3) Urinary summary score: 93.0 (9.6) Urinary bother: 91.2 (12.3) Urinary obstruction/irritative: 93.2 (9.5) Sexual summary score: 60.3 (23.5) Sexual function: 53.5 (22.8) Sexual bother: 76.0 (30.5) Bowel summary score: 92.8 (9.1) Bowel function: 91.6 (9.0) Bowel bother: 94.0 (11.8)	72 months	Urinary incontinence: 89.1 (15.3) Urinary summary score: 91.2 (10.1) Urinary bother: 90.0 (12.2) Urinary obstruction/irritative: 92.9 (9.0) Sexual summary score: 51.5 (27.4) Sexual function: 44.4 (27.1) Sexual bother: 67.8 (34.3) Bowel summary score: 93.4 (8.6) Bowel function: 92.1 (8.6) Bowel bother: 94.7 (10.4)	Urinary incontinence: 88.9 (15.0) Urinary summary score: 90.3 (10.9) Urinary bother: 88.6 (13.5) Urinary obstruction/irritative: 91.7 (9.9) Sexual summary score: 48.2 (27.5) Sexual function: 41.9 (26.7) Sexual bother: 62.2 (35.4) Bowel summary score: 93.2 (9.4) Bowel function: 92.2 (19.1) Bowel bother: 94.2 (11.7)	

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Donovan 2016 QLQ-C30 EPIC	Radical prostatectomy	553	Urinary incontinence: 92.8 (11.6) Urinary summary score: 91.9 (9.4) Urinary bother: 89.9 (12.2) Urinary obstruction/irritative: 92.0 (9.9) Sexual summary score: 61.4 (22.7) Sexual function: 54.4 (22.9) Sexual bother: 77.6 (28.9) Bowel summary score: 93.1 (8.9) Bowel function: 91.4 (9.3) Bowel bother: 94.7 (10.3)		Urinary incontinence: 76.5 (23.7) Urinary summary score: 86.5 (13.2) Urinary bother: 87.7 (14.1) Urinary obstruction/irritative: 92.8 (9.2) Sexual summary score: 30.1 (23.2) Sexual function: 23.6 (22.8) Sexual bother: 44.5 (34.1) Bowel summary score: 94.0 (7.7) Bowel function: 92.8 (8.1) Bowel bother: 95.2 (9.1)	Urinary incontinence: 80.3 (21.4) Urinary summary score: 88.1 (12.3) Urinary bother: 88.9 (13.8) Urinary obstruction/irritative: 93.4 (8.7) Sexual summary score: 33.3 (23.3) Sexual function: 27.2 (23.4) Sexual bother: 46.8 (33.1) Bowel summary score: 93.8 (8.2) Bowel function: 92.6 (8.5) Bowel bother: 95.0 (9.4)	
	EBRT	545	Urinary incontinence: 92.8 (11.0) Urinary summary score: 93.2 (8.3) Urinary bother: 92.1 (10.3) Urinary obstruction/irritative: 93.8 (7.9) Sexual summary score: 63.6 (23.1) Sexual function: 55.7 (23.0) Sexual bother: 80.5 (29.2) Bowel summary score: 94.8 (6.9) Bowel function: 92.9 (8.0) Bowel bother: 96.8 (7.1)		Urinary incontinence: 90.5 (13.5) Urinary summary score: 91.9 (9.0) Urinary bother: 90.6 (11.0) Urinary obstruction/irritative: 93.2 (7.9) Sexual summary score: 43.2 (27.6) Sexual function: 36.6 (27.0) Sexual bother: 57.6 (36.5) Bowel summary score: 90.5 (12.2) Bowel function: 90.3 (11.1) Bowel bother: 90.7 (14.9)	Urinary incontinence: 89.0 (14.1) Urinary summary score: 91.4 (9.8) Urinary bother: 90.3 (11.8) Urinary obstruction/irritative: 93.4 (8.5) Sexual summary score: 43.4 (25.2) Sexual function: 36.9 (25.1) Sexual bother: 57.9 (33.5) Bowel summary score: 89.3 (12.8) Bowel function: 89.5 (10.7) Bowel bother: 89.2 (16.7)	
					Cancer specific quality of life	Cancer specific quality of life	

Author, year and PROM tool used	Interventions	N at bas elin e	Baseline QoL scores	FU	Reported	Results	Reported p-values or Hazard Ratios with confidence intervals
					EPIC scores at 36 months Mean (SD)	EPIC scores at 48 months Mean (SD)	
					Higher values refer to better function	Higher values refer to better function	
Donovan 2016 cont.	Active monitoring	545			Urinary incontinence: 87.3 (16.7) Urinary summary score: 89.3 (11.5) Urinary bother: 87.5 (14.1) Urinary obstruction/irritative: 91.1 (10.0) Sexual summary score: 45.9 (28.4) Sexual function: 39.2 (27.4) Sexual bother: 60.7 (36.3) Bowel summary score: 92.8 (10.8) Bowel function: 91.9 (10.0) Bowel bother: 93.7 (13.1)	Urinary incontinence: 86.8 (17.4) Urinary summary score: 89.2 (12.5) Urinary bother: 87.9 (14.6) Urinary obstruction/irritative: 91.3 (11.2) Sexual summary score: 44.5 (26.9) Sexual function: 37.2 (26.5) Sexual bother: 60.4 (35.8) Bowel summary score: 92.9 (11.2) Bowel function: 92.2 (10.8) Bowel bother: 93.8 (12.7)	
	Radical prostatectomy	553			Urinary incontinence: 79.3 (21.8) Urinary summary score: 87.9 (12.1) Urinary bother: 88.7 (13.4) Urinary obstruction/irritative: 93.3 (8.7) Sexual summary score: 33.9 (23.9) Sexual function: 26.9 (23.7) Sexual bother: 49.6 (34.8) Bowel summary score: 93.8 (8.0) Bowel function: 92.7 (8.1) Bowel bother: 94.9 (9.8)	Urinary incontinence: 80.2 (20.3) Urinary summary score: 88.6 (11.9) Urinary bother: 89.5 (13.0) Urinary obstruction/irritative: 94.1 (8.6) Sexual summary score: 34.3 (24.2) Sexual function: 27.1 (24.2) Sexual bother: 50.4 (34.2) Bowel summary score: 93.7 (8.9) Bowel function: 93.0 (8.4) Bowel bother: 94.6 (11.1)	
	EBRT	545			Urinary incontinence: 89.8 (13.5) Urinary summary score: 91.7 (9.2) Urinary bother: 90.3 (11.4) Urinary obstruction/irritative: 93.3	Urinary incontinence: 89.2 (14.4) Urinary summary score: 91.4 (9.6)	

Author, year and PROM tool used	Interventions	N at bas elin e	Baseline QoL scores	FU	Reported Results		Reported p-values or Hazard Ratios with confidence intervals
					(7.7) Sexual summary score: 42.5 (25.9) Sexual function: 35.7 (25.5) Sexual bother: 57.1 (34.9) Bowel summary score: 90.8 (11.2) Bowel function: 90.7 (10.1) Bowel bother: 90.9 (14.3)	Urinary bother: 90.4 (11.6) Urinary obstruction/irritative: 93.2 (8.4) Sexual summary score: 41.8 (25.5) Sexual function: 34.3 (25.4) Sexual bother: 58.2 (34.7) Bowel summary score: 91.2 (11.2) Bowel function: 90.7 (10.1) Bowel bother: 91.7 (13.8)	
					Cancer specific quality of life EPIC scores at 60 months Mean (SD) Higher values refer to better function	Cancer specific quality of life EPIC scores at 72 months Mean (SD) Higher values refer to better function	P-values for a difference in mean response over 6 years of follow-up across the three groups
Donovan 2016 cont.	Active monitoring	545			Urinary incontinence: 87.2 (16.8) Urinary summary score: 89.6 (11.3) Urinary bother: 88.3 (13.5) Urinary obstruction/irritative: 91.7 (9.8) Sexual summary score: 43.2 (27.4) Sexual function: 35.6 (27.3) Sexual bother: 60.1 (36.3) Bowel summary score: 93.1 (10.1) Bowel function: 92.0 (9.5) Bowel bother: 94.1 (12.2)	Urinary incontinence: 85.8 (18.5) Urinary summary score: 89.0 (12.5) Urinary bother: 88.0 (13.9) Urinary obstruction/irritative: 91.5 (11.0) Sexual summary score: 40.6 (26.7) Sexual function: 32.5 (26.4) Sexual bother: 57.9 (36.6) Bowel summary score: 93.0 (9.8) Bowel function: 92.3 (9.7) Bowel bother: 93.7 (11.6)	Urinary incontinence: <0.001 favouring AM and EBRT over RP Urinary summary score: <0.001 favouring AM and EBRT over RP Urinary bother: 0.095
	Radical prostatectomy	553			Urinary incontinence: 80.6 (20.2) Urinary summary score: 88.9 (11.1) Urinary bother: 89.9 (11.9) Urinary obstruction/irritative: 94.1 (7.6) Sexual summary score: 34.5 (24.0) Sexual function: 26.5 (24.4) Sexual bother: 52.6 (35.1) Bowel summary score: 94.0 (7.9) Bowel function: 92.9 (7.7) Bowel bother: 95.1 (9.6)	Urinary incontinence: 80.9 (20.2) Urinary summary score: 88.7 (11.3) Urinary bother: 89.7 (11.9) Urinary obstruction/irritative: 93.7 (7.9) Sexual summary score: 32.3 (23.2) Sexual function: 23.7 (23.4) Sexual bother: 51.4 (35.5) Bowel summary score: 93.2 (8.7) Bowel function: 92.3 (8.6)	Urinary obstruction/irritative: 0.77 Sexual summary score: <0.001 favouring AM and EBRT over RP Sexual function: <0.001 favouring AM and EBRT over RP Sexual bother: <0.001 favouring AM and EBRT over RP Bowel summary score: <0.001 favouring AM and RP

Author, year and PROM tool used	Interventions	N at bas elin e	Baseline QoL scores	FU	Reported	Results	Reported p-values or Hazard Ratios with confidence intervals
						Bowel bother: 94.2 (10.8)	over EBRT
	EBRT	545			Urinary incontinence: 89.4 (14.4) Urinary summary score: 91.3 (9.6) Urinary bother: 90.2 (11.6) Urinary obstruction/irritative: 93.0 (8.3) Sexual summary score: 40.1 (24.4) Sexual function: 31.9 (24.8) Sexual bother: 58.9 (35.3) Bowel summary score: 91.0 (10.6) Bowel function: 90.3 (10.1) Bowel bother: 91.6 (13.2)	Urinary incontinence: 89.4 (14.0) Urinary summary score: 91.4 (9.2) Urinary bother: 90.3 (11.2) Urinary obstruction/irritative: 93.1 (7.7) Sexual summary score: 41.3 (24.9) Sexual function: 32.7 (25.6) Sexual bother: 60.1 (34.9) Bowel summary score: 91.2 (10.9) Bowel function: 90.8 (9.7) Bowel bother: 91.7 (13.7)	Bowel function: <0.001 favouring AM and RP over EBRT Bowel bother: <0.001 favouring AM and RP over EBRT
					Cancer-specific quality of life:		
					EORTC-QLQ-C30 at 5 years  Mean (SD)  Higher values refer to better function		P-values
Donovan 2016 cont.	Active monitoring	545			Global health status: 76.8 (17.6) Functioning scales Physical: 90.9 (14.7) Role: 90.5 (19.7) Emotional: 87.3 (17.3) Cognitive: 86.0 (15.4) Social: 91.3 (17.2) Symptom scales and items Fatigue: 19.0 (19.4) Nausea/vomiting: 2.0 (7.1) Pain: 12.0 (20.5) Dyspnoea: 12.4 (22.1) Insomnia: 18.3 (25.6) Appetite loss: 4.9 (13.6) Constipation: 6.4 (15.7) Diarrhoea: 6.0 (15.3) Financial difficulties: 3.1 (13.8)		
	Radical prostatectomy	553			Global health status: 78.4 (17.7) Functioning scales		

Author, year and PROM tool used	Interventions	N at bas elin e	Baseline QoL scores	FU	Reported Results		Reported p-values o confidence	
					Physical: 91.6 (13.8) Role: 90.9 (19.0) Emotional: 87.9 (16.0) Cognitive: 87.9 (14.4) Social: 91.3 (16.8) Symptom scales and items Fatigue: 17.1 (17.9) Nausea/vomiting: 1.4 (6.2) Pain: 9.7 (18.1) Dyspnoea: 10.1 (20.0) Insomnia: 14.6 (22.4) Appetite loss: 3.8 (11.9) Constipation: 4.6 (14.3) Diarrhoea: 6.0 (16.4) Financial difficulties: 3.4 (12.7)		Global health status: 0.38 Functioning scales Physical: 0.81 Role: 0.60 Emotional: 0.79 Cognitive: 0.21 Social: 0.95 Symptom scales and items Fatigue: 0.24 Nausea/vomiting: 0.44 Pain: 0.20 Dyspnoea: 0.34 Insomnia: 0.08 Appetite loss: 0.56 Constipation: 0.25	5
	EBRT	545			Global health status: 77.4 (19.0) Functioning scales Physical: 91.3 (14.1) Role: 89.5 (20.1) Emotional: 87.7 (16.6) Cognitive: 87.3 (15.7) Social: 91.6 (17.8) Symptom scales and items Fatigue: 17.3 (17.1) Nausea/vomiting: 1.7 (5.9) Pain: 11.9 (20.2) Dyspnoea: 11.3 (19.9) Insomnia: 16.0 (23.1) Appetite loss: 4.2 (13.2) Constipation: 5.1 (14.0) Diarrhoea: 5.6 (13.7) Financial difficulties: 2.8 (11.9)		Diarrhoea: 0.89 Financial difficulties: 0.80	
			QLQ-C30 baseline		Mean QLQ-C30 scores at 1 year Higher values refer to better function	Mean QLQ-C30 scores at 5	P-value for difference	P-value for difference

Author, year and PROM tool used	Interventions	N at bas elin e	Baseline QoL scores	FU	Reported Results		Reported p-values or Hazard Ratios with confidence intervals	
			score			<b>years</b> Higher values refer to better function	from baseline QLQ-30 score at 1 year	from baseline QLQ-30 score at 5 years
Giberti 2009	Radical prostatectomy	100	Cognitive functioning: 91 Emotional functioning: 82 Physical functioning: 91 Role functioning: 93 Social functioning: 89 Global health/QoL: 79		Cognitive functioning: 90 Emotional functioning: 86 Physical functioning: 86 Role functioning: 90 Social functioning: 89 Global health/QoL: 78	Cognitive functioning: 90 Emotional functioning: 84 Physical functioning: 90 Role functioning: 90 Social functioning: 89 Global health/QoL: 78	Cognitive functioning: NSS Emotional functioning: 0.03 Physical functioning: 0.02 Role functioning: NSS Social functioning: NSS Global health/QoL: NSS	Cognitive functioning: NSS Emotional functioning: NSS Physical functioning: NSS Role functioning: NSS Social functioning: NSS Global health/QoL: NSS
QLQ-C30 QLQ-PR25	Brachytherapy	100	Cognitive functioning: 87 Emotional functioning: 80 Physical functioning: 94 Role functioning: 95 Social functioning: 92 Global health/QoL: 83	60 months	Cognitive functioning: 88 Emotional functioning: 84 Physical functioning: 90 Role functioning: 93 Social functioning: 93 Global health/QoL: 81	Cognitive functioning: 88 Emotional functioning: 82 Physical functioning: 94 Role functioning: 94 Social functioning: 94 Global health/QoL: 82	Cognitive functioning: NSS Emotional functioning: 0.01 Physical functioning: 0.03 Role functioning: NSS Social functioning: NSS Global health/QoL: NSS	Cognitive functioning: NSS Emotional functioning: NSS Physical functioning: NSS Role functioning: NSS Social functioning: NSS Global health/QoL: NSS
			QLQ-PR25 baseline score		Mean QLQ-PR25 scores at 1 year Higher values refer to worse function	Mean QLQ-PR25 scores at 5 years Higher values refer to worse function	P-value for difference from baseline QLQ- PR25 score at 1 year	P-value for difference from baseline QLQ- PR25 score at 5 years
Giberti 2009 cont.	Radical prostatectomy	100	Urinary symptoms: 9 Bowel symptoms: 2 Treatment-related symptoms: 5 Sexual function: 5 Sexual activity: 6		Urinary symptoms: 10 Bowel symptoms: 2 Treatment-related symptoms: 9 Sexual function: 7 Sexual activity: 8	Urinary symptoms: 10 Bowel symptoms: 2 Treatment-related symptoms: 8 Sexual function: 7 Sexual activity: 8	Urinary symptoms: NSS Bowel symptoms: NSS Treatment-related symptoms: 0.03 Sexual function: NSS Sexual activity: NSS	Urinary symptoms: NSS Bowel symptoms: NSS Treatment-related symptoms: NSS Sexual function: NSS Sexual activity: NSS
	Brachytherapy	100	Urinary symptoms: 8 Bowel symptoms: 2 Treatment-related symptoms: 6 Sexual function: 6		Urinary symptoms: 15 Bowel symptoms: 4 Treatment-related symptoms: 9 Sexual function: 7 Sexual activity: 8	Urinary symptoms: 17 Bowel symptoms: 2 Treatment-related symptoms: 8 Sexual function: 8 Sexual activity: 8	Urinary symptoms: <0.01 Bowel symptoms: NSS	Urinary symptoms: NSS Bowel symptoms: NSS Treatment-related

Author, year and PROM tool used	Interventions	N at bas elin e	Baseline QoL scores	FU	Reported Results	Reported p-values or Hazard Ratios with confidence intervals	
			Sexual activity: 6			Treatment-related symptoms: 0.04 Sexual function: NSS Sexual activity: NSS	symptoms: NSS Sexual function: NSS Sexual activity: NSS

NR: Not reported

NSS: Not statistically significant

AM: Active monitoring RP: Radical prostatectomy

EBRT: External beam radiotherapy

BT: Brachytherapy