

PROSTATE CANCER DRUG NOW CONSIDERED SAFE AFTER STUDY DEEMED FLAWED by Jennifer Austin

This story was significant because Finasteride is a drug that many physicians had stopped prescribing for men in their clinical practices based on (what turned out to be) faulty studies. The possibility of this drug returning to the marketplace meant that thousands of men could reconsider an option that was previously thought to be very helpful in benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) and even prostate cancer.

This story was also a personal success because it was my first venture out into the field with just myself and the cameraman. Interning in TV news can be difficult because union laws limit the autonomy of an intern reporter. This piece, which was featured on KTVU's website, was an important step in learning to function as an independent news gatherer. It was also quite a feat because, as is often the case in television news, it was assigned only one hour before the first interview and required the last minute pulling together of expert sources in the community.

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