# Living with Prostate Cancer

A guide for survivors, by survivors



# Questions

# Challenges

# **Diagnosis**

- Why me?
- How is this going to change my life?
- Who do I talk to and what do I need to know?

## **Decision-Making**

- What are my choices?
- What are the potential side effects of treatments?
- How do I make a decision?

### **Survivorship**

- Did I make the right decision?
- What are the odds of recurrence?
- What supports do I need now?

#### So much information

- · Not knowing where to go
- Uncertainty about the future
- Finding unbiased, clear information
- Wait times and access to specialists
- No definitive answers

- Adapting to life with prostate cancer
- Lack of coordination and communication in prostate cancer care
- Determining what supports you need

disbelief

overwhelmed

shocked



determined

celebration

reflective

Challenges

strong

gratitude



afraid

### **Nurse Navigator: Start Here**

If you've just received your diagnosis, this is the place to turn first.

IPC's Registered Nurse is always there to offer you information and support, discuss your choices, and answer your questions. Together, you can map a prostate health plan and explore the steps, supports and services that are right for you. Available in-person, or virtually.

IPC programs & services are always free - no referral required.

**Online resources & videos** 

**Survivor peer support group** 

**Support for spouses** & family members

**Cancer Recovery Exercise Program** 



**Island Prostate Centre** 

#### **Medical Professionals**

Know how to find and ask for what you need.



#### **Family & Friends**

Ask them for support and help sorting through information and choices.



#### **Community Supports**

Explore what is available – such as nutrition support, counselling, exercise and support groups.

