

FINLAND

Hannu (prostate cancer)



64 years

I was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer in 1998 when I was 53 years old. I was symptomless, but because my elder brother had some years earlier been diagnosed with PC, my careful GP ordered a PSA-test in connection along with other blood tests. My basic treatment was radical external radiation therapy. I am by profession a lawyer but have been working as a private entrepreneur in the building construction branch. Since 2002, I have been working as a full time Executive Director of the Finnish Prostate Cancer Association, PROPO, and the last three years I have been also a vice-chairman of Europa Uomo, our European umbrella organisation. In 2003 my cancer relapsed, but with intermitted medication the disease has stayed under good control and I live a full life without significant problems or side-effects.