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**DOCTOR'S ATTENTIVENESS TO HIS OWN HEALTH LIFE SAVING**

**LATROBE, PA, June 4, 2012** … Excela Health family physician Aldo Prosperi, MD, gets hundreds of reports after patients in his Latrobe practice participate in the annual wellness checks co-sponsored by Excela Health and the Latrobe Rotary. Imagine his surprise when the most disturbing blood work results were his own.

Among the tests available to men as part of the multiphasic blood screening is Prostate Specific Antigen or PSA. The lower the test result the better. Dr. Prosperi's reading was 9.6.

Typically, men with no history of prostate cancer begin screenings at age 50. Dr. Prosperi, then 51, wasted no time in following up with urologist Bassem Eldaif, who confirmed the diagnosis and determined the father of three boys, ages 25, 22 and 17, was an appropriate candidate for robotic-assisted prostatectomy, which was performed at Excela Latrobe Hospital.

"Initially my sons were worried, because their grandfather also has prostate cancer, but he wasn't diagnosed until his late 70s and it's being treated with hormone therapy," explained Dr. Prosperi. "We talked about it and the importance of paying attention to your health. They understand there are many options for living a long life and were happy I could have surgery in my community."

Having been a patient himself, Dr. Prosperi said the experience "has made me more compassionate. Now I not only relate clinically but personally and I can have a more meaningful conversation with my male patients about their concerns."

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