



## UROLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

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**Media Release**

### **Urologists welcome prostate cancer treatment breakthrough**

The peak body representing Australian urological surgeons welcomes exciting news of the discovery of a potential future alternative treatment for prostate cancer.

The Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand says the research conducted at the Centenary Institute in Sydney, and announced today, while at an early stage is promising, and may lead to treatment for prostate cancer without surgery or radiotherapy.

The research on human cells in a laboratory reveals targets for drugs that could slow the progress of prostate cancer through starving the tumour cells of an essential nutrient, an amino acid called leucine, that they need to grow rapidly.

“The Urological Society welcomes new technologies that may cure prostate cancer,” says president, Dr Stephen Ruthven.

“Currently prostate cancer kills as many Australian men as breast cancer kills women, so research conducted by organisations such as the Centenary Institute is vitally important in the fight against this insidious disease.”

“Urologists worldwide are also excited about other researchers exploring further treatment avenues such as ways to stop the blood supply to the tumour, while not compromising supply of blood to the benign part of the prostate.”

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