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Title: Acupuncture to reduce treatment side effects for people with localised and advanced prostate cancer. A Scoping Review

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Question: What is the scope of research that has been undertaken to examine the effectiveness and safety of acupuncture and electro-acupuncture in reducing treatment side effects and improving quality of life in men undergoing and having completed treatment for localised and advanced

PICO

Population: Male patients diagnosed with prostate cancer and experiencing symptoms from localised treatment (including radical prostatectomy surgery) and advanced treatment (including but not limited to radiotherapy, chemotherapy and/or hormone therapy). The type of prostate cancer included is adenocarcinoma. Side effects include urinary incontinence, erectile dysfunction, hot flashes, fatigue, depression and anxiety.

Intervention: Intervention (quantitative - effectiveness)

Acupuncture is defined as the insertion of fine stainless steel needles into anatomically located acupuncture points. Acupuncture, electro acupuncture and auricular acupuncture interventions will be included.

Comparator: Comparator (quantitative - effectiveness)

Randomised controlled trials and non randomised controlled trials will be included. Control can be any control as long as there is direct comparison of the intervention and a control available.
The following types of controls will be included:

Outcome: Outcome & Context (comprehensive)

We will include studies that have primary outcomes for:
1. localised prostate cancer treatment: erectile dysfunction, urinary incontinence, fatigue, anxiety, depression
2. advanced prostate cancer treatment: urinary incontinence/nocturia, hot flashes, fatigue, anxiety/depression

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