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## Senator Phillips And NYU Winthrop Hospital Host Free Prostate Cancer Screening And Educational Program

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Senator Elaine Phillips, in partnership with NYU Winthrop Hospital, recently hosted a free Prostate Cancer Screening and Educational Program for more than 65 men at NYU Winthrop's Research and Academic Center.

"With Prostate cancer being the most common cancer among men, it is imperative that we continue to provide everyone, no matter their financial situation, access to early detection to a disease that is highly treatable," Senator Phillips said. "I encourage all men to continue

getting routine examinations and to have ongoing conversations with their health care providers about the risks of prostate cancer, and for loved ones to support and encourage increased awareness. Thank you to Dr. Katz, our panelists and NYU Winthrop for co-hosting this educational and informative event and for bringing awareness to early detection and treatment.”

“The most important weapon we have against prostate cancer is early detection. With early detection, prostate cancer can be a very treatable disease,” said Dr. Aaron Katz, Chairman of Urology at NYU Winthrop Hospital. “By collaborating with Senator Phillips, we are raising the visibility of this issue in our communities, and that’s key to saving lives and eradicating prostate cancer.”

Participants received a free prostate-specific antigen blood test and participated in a panel discussion with Dr. Katz, Dr. Joseph E. Jamal, attending Urologist at NYU and Dr. Jonathan Haas, attending Radiation Oncologist at NYU. The discussion included ways to reduce or delay the risk of developing prostate cancer, the importance of detection and an overview of treatment.

In America, prostate cancer is the most common cancer among men – occurring in 1 in 9 men, with 6 in 10 African American men diagnosed. In 2017, there were over 164,000 newly reported cases and 29,000 deaths.