Percent survival: The number of people within a group of people that will live after a diagnosis a certain condition or problem.

You may read that a certain percent of men diagnosed with prostate cancer will die of other conditions or problems. Here is an example of how many men with early stage prostate cancer would die of the advanced prostate cancer if the original cancer was left untreated, sometimes called watchful waiting.

If this early stage of cancer is not treated, about 27 of 100 men (27%) will, over the long term, experience symptoms of advanced prostate cancer and most of these 27 will die of it.

The other 73 of 100 men (73%) would not be severely affected by the cancer and would die of other causes.