Table 1

National Institutes of Health (NIH) classification[1,8]

NIH category	Description	Old nomenclature
I Acute bacterial prostatitis	Acute infection of the prostate gland. The patient has pain and bacterial cultures are positive	Acute bacterial prostatitis
II Chronic bacterial prostatitis	Chronic infection of the prostate gland. The patient may not complain of pain	Chronic bacterial prostatitis
IIIA Inflammatory chronic prostatitis/ chronic pelvic pain syndrome	Chronic genitourinary pain in the absence of bacterial infection IIIA - Significant white blood cells (WBC) in expressed prostatic secretion (EPS)	Non-bacterial prostatitis
IIIB Non-inflammatory chronic prostatitis/ chronic pelvic pain syndrome	Chronic genitourinary pain in the absence of bacterial infection IIIB - Insignificant WBC in EPS	Prostatodynia
IV Asymptomatic inflammatory prostatitis	WBC in EPS, post-prostatic massage, semen or histologic specimens of prostate gland	N/A