

DID YOU KNOW?

Colorectal Cancer is the **3rd leading cause** of cancer-related **deaths** in men and women in the United States.

When **Colorectal Cancer** is found at an **early stage** (before it has spread), the **5-year relative survival rate is 90%**

COLON CANCER IS PREVENTABLE, TREATABLE, BEATABLE

The key is early detection and regular screenings. If it is time for your colonoscopy, we urge you to call us today.

THIS EXAM COULD ADD YEARS TO YOUR LIFE!

Information from the American Cancer Society

PREVENTING TREATING & BEATING COLON CANCER right in your community!

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Is it time for your colonoscopy?

WHY A COLONOSCOPY?

If detected early, Colon Cancer can be prevented and cured. A colonoscopy allows us to find pre-cancerous polyps and remove them before they become harmful.

WHAT IS A COLONOSCOPY

A colonoscopy is a procedure that enables your physician to conduct a visual examination of the colon (large intestine) with a small lighted flexible scope.

WHAT IS A POLYP?

A polyp is a growth on the inside of the wall of the colon or rectum. Polyps grow slowly over 3-10 years. Most people do not develop polyps until after the age of 50. Some polyps become cancerous while others do not.

WHAT KIND OF PREP IS INVOLVED?

You will receive a phone call from a nurse that will review your prep and all information prior to your procedure. You will want to make arrangements to be off work or school the entire day of your procedure and to have a driver. Due to sedation, you will not be able to drive after the procedure.

Your procedure will be performed by one of our Board-Certified Gastroenterologist and your sedation will be administered by a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.

AGE IS NOTHING "BUT A NUMBER"
WHEN IT COMES TO...

COLON CANCER

20, 30, 40, 50, 60...

When should you get a colonoscopy?

AGE 50

- No risk factors

Colonoscopy
beginning at
age 50.

FAMILY HISTORY

- Colon Cancer
- Pre-cancerous
polyps

Colonoscopy
beginning at
age 40 or 10 years
younger than the
relative's age when
diagnosed

PERSONAL HISTORY

- Colon Cancer
- Polyps

Colonoscopy
in 6 months to 5 years
as determined by your
Gastroenterologist



DO I HAVE SYMPTOMS?

Colon Cancer often begins without symptoms, but there ARE a number of warning signs.

If you are experiencing any of the following conditions, please contact our office immediately:

- Change in bowel movements (especially in the shape of the stool)
- Blood in your stool
- Weight loss without dieting
- Abdominal pain
- Constant fatigue
- Frequent gas pains
- Discomfort or the urge to move your bowels when there is no need

