

COLON CANCER SCREENING AND TREATMENT

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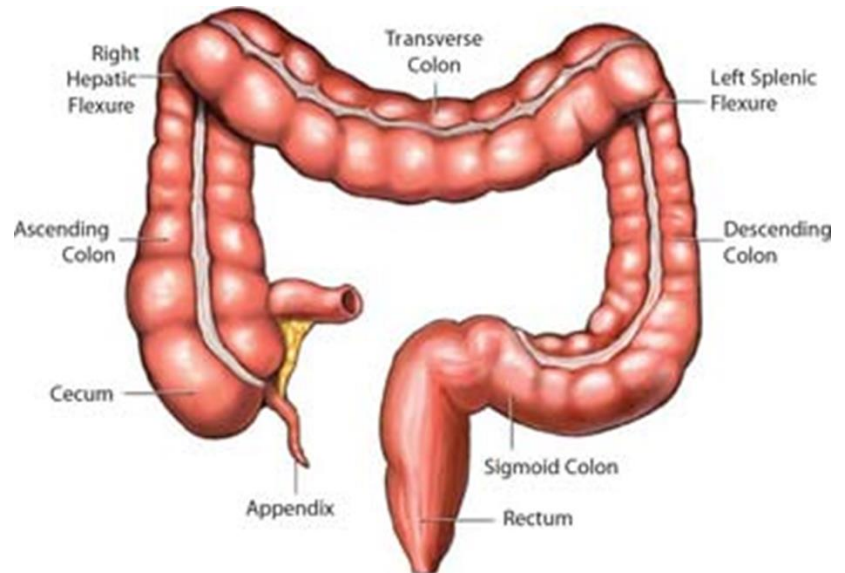
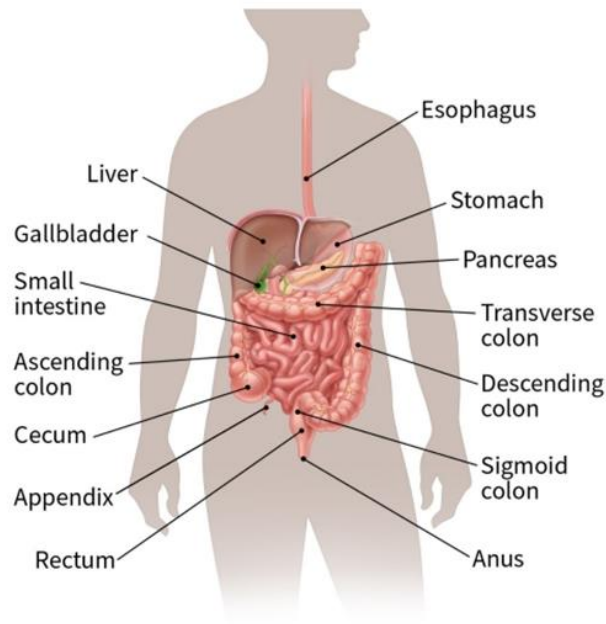
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Colon and Rectal Anatomy



Anatomy of Large Intestine

www.cancer.org/cancer/colon-rectal-cancer/about/what-is-colorectal-cancer.html

Functions of Bowel

SMALL BOWEL

- Absorption of
 - Fluid
 - Electrolytes
 - Vitamins and minerals
- Digestion and absorption of
 - Carbohydrates
 - Protein
 - Fat

LARGE BOWEL (COLON)

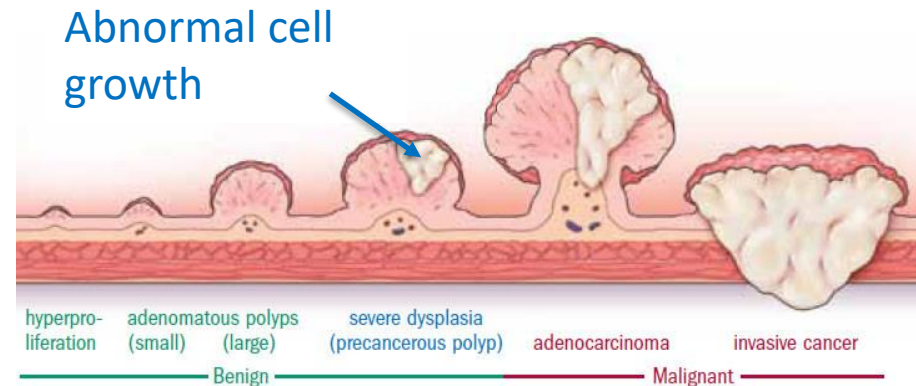
- Water absorption
- Electrolyte exchange

RECTUM

- Last part of the colon
- Stores stool for bowel movement

Colon and Rectal Cancer

- What is colon or rectal cancer?
 - A cancer that starts in the colon or rectum
- How does it start?
 - Most start as a polyp
 - Growth on the lining of the colon

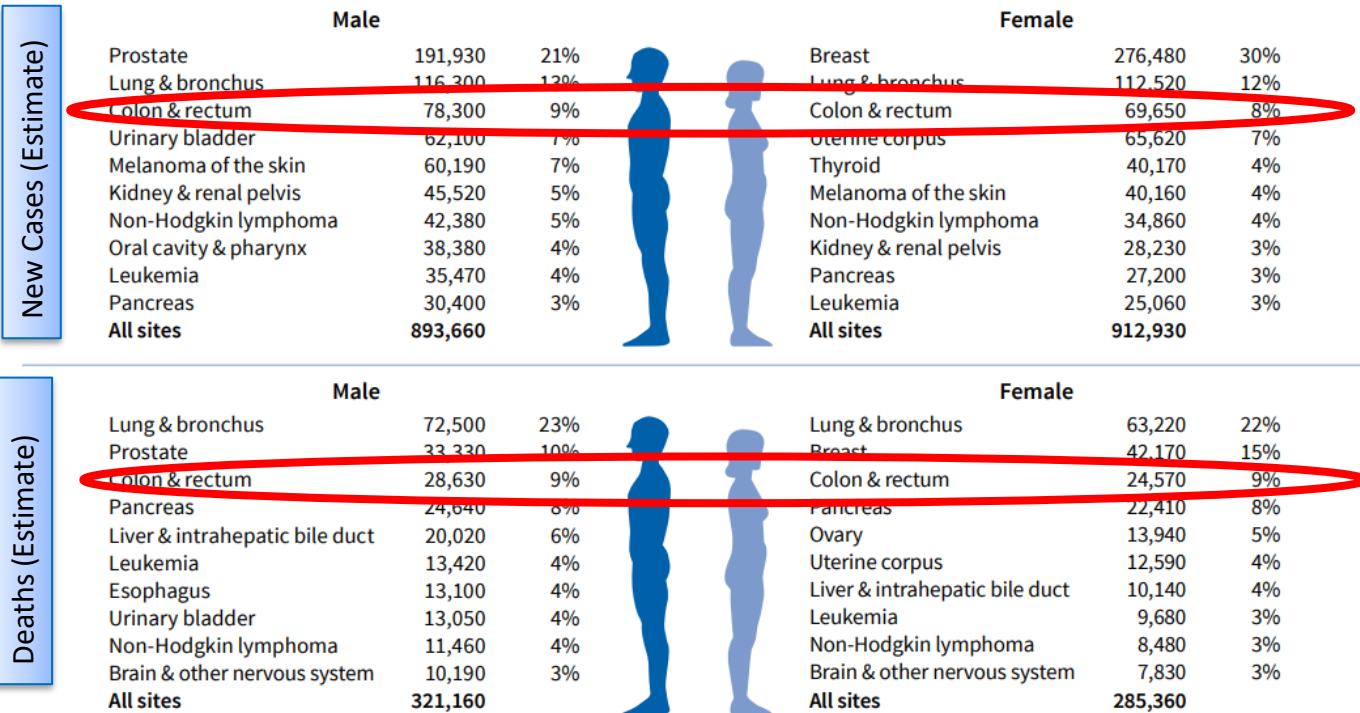


Source: Harvard Health

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New Cases and Death Estimates for Common Cancers in the US: 2020

Figure 3. Leading Sites of New Cancer Cases and Deaths – 2020 Estimates



Estimates are rounded to the nearest 10, and cases exclude basal cell and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ carcinoma except urinary bladder. Estimates do not include Puerto Rico or other US territories. Ranking is based on modeled projections and may differ from the most recent observed data.

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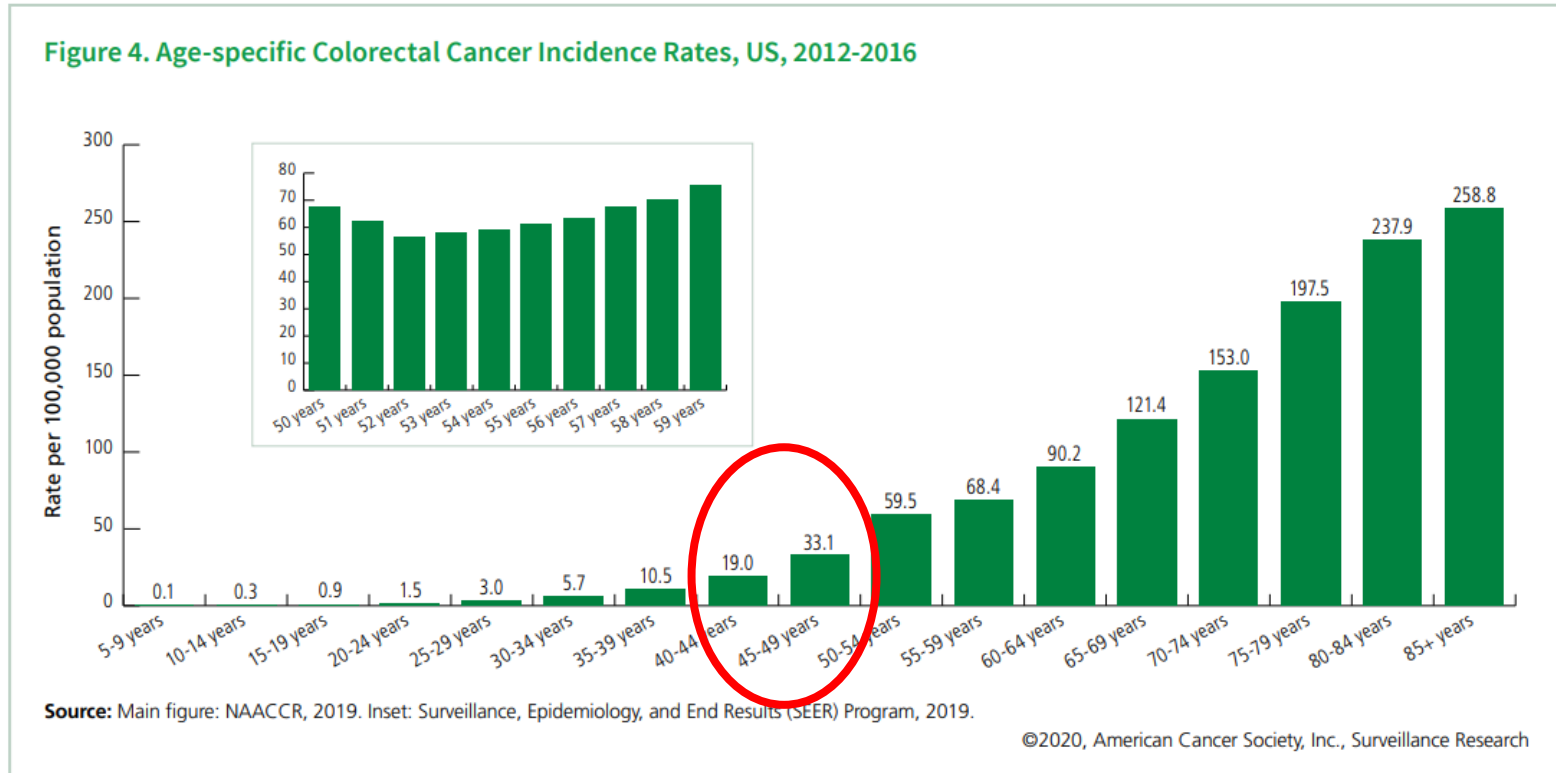
Risk:

Men: 4.4% (1 in 23) and Women: 4.1% (1 in 25)

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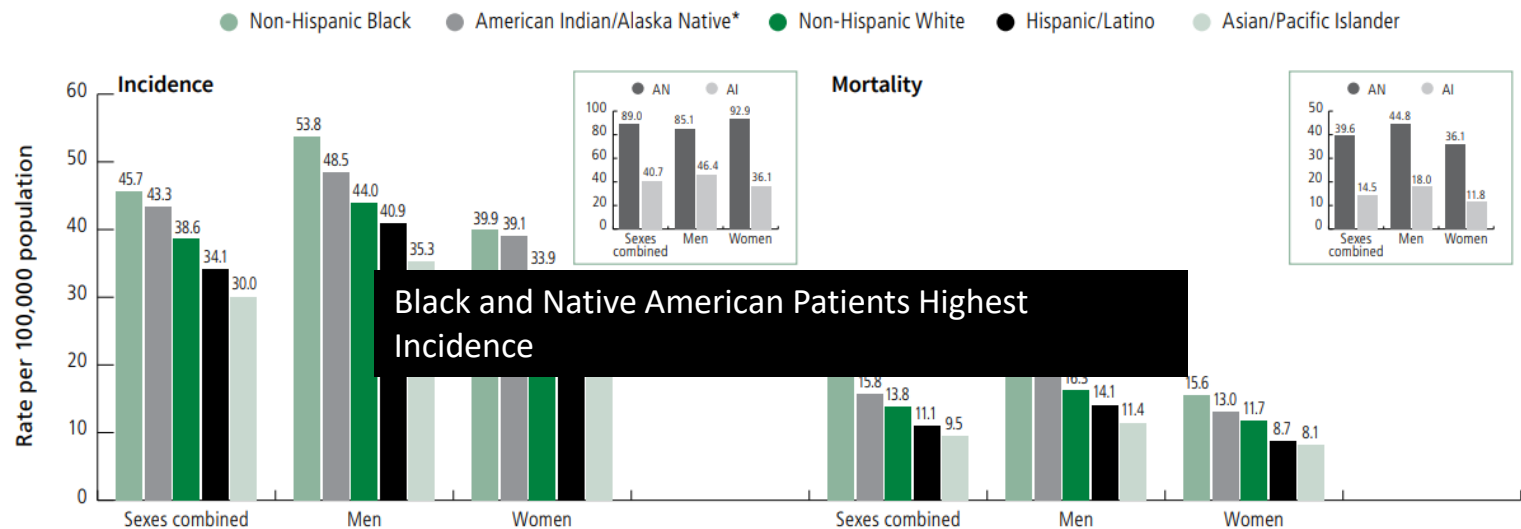
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Colorectal Cancer Incidence by Age



Colorectal Cancer Incidence and Mortality by Race/Ethnicity and Sex

Figure 5. Colorectal Cancer Incidence (2012-2016) and Mortality (2013-2017) Rates by Race/Ethnicity and Sex, US



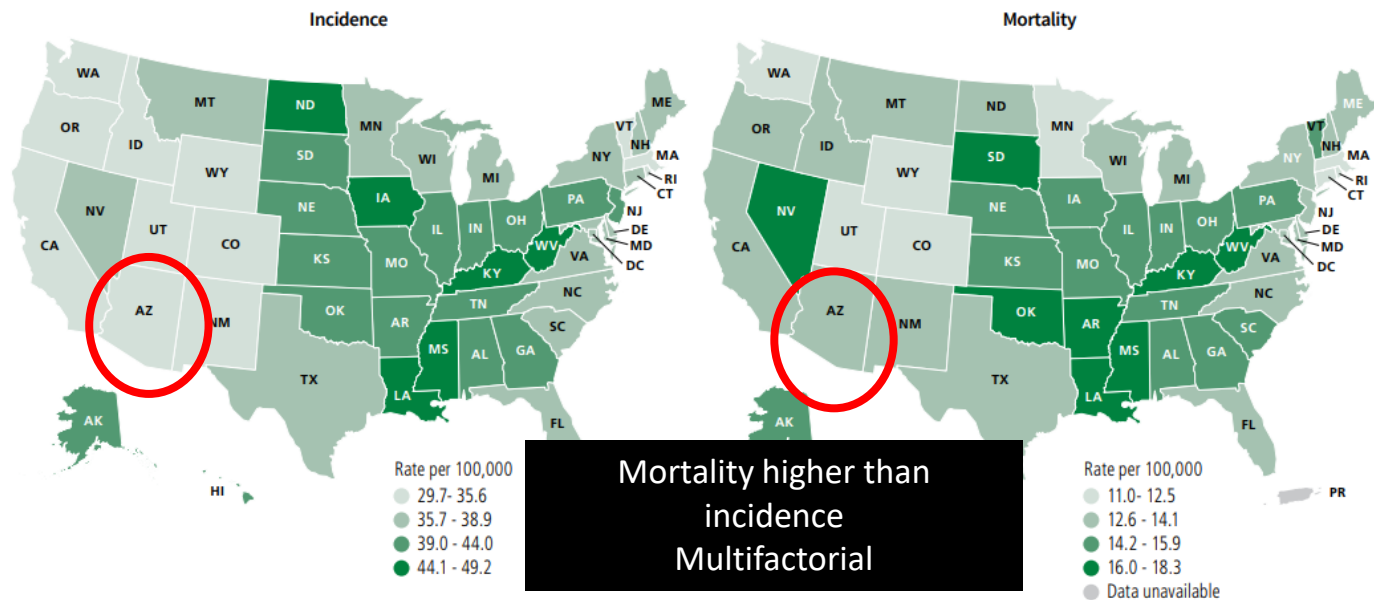
AI: American Indian, excluding Alaska; AN: Alaska Native. Rates are age adjusted to the 2000 US standard population. *Statistics based on data from Purchased/Referred Care Delivery Area (PRCDA) counties. AIVAN incidence rates exclude data from Kansas and Minnesota. Incidence rates for Alaska Native men and women are not statistically significantly different.

Source: Incidence – NAACCR, 2019. Mortality – NCHS, 2019.

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Colorectal Cancer Incidence and Mortality in Arizona

Figure 9. Colorectal Cancer Incidence (2012-2016) and Mortality (2013-2017) Rates by State, US



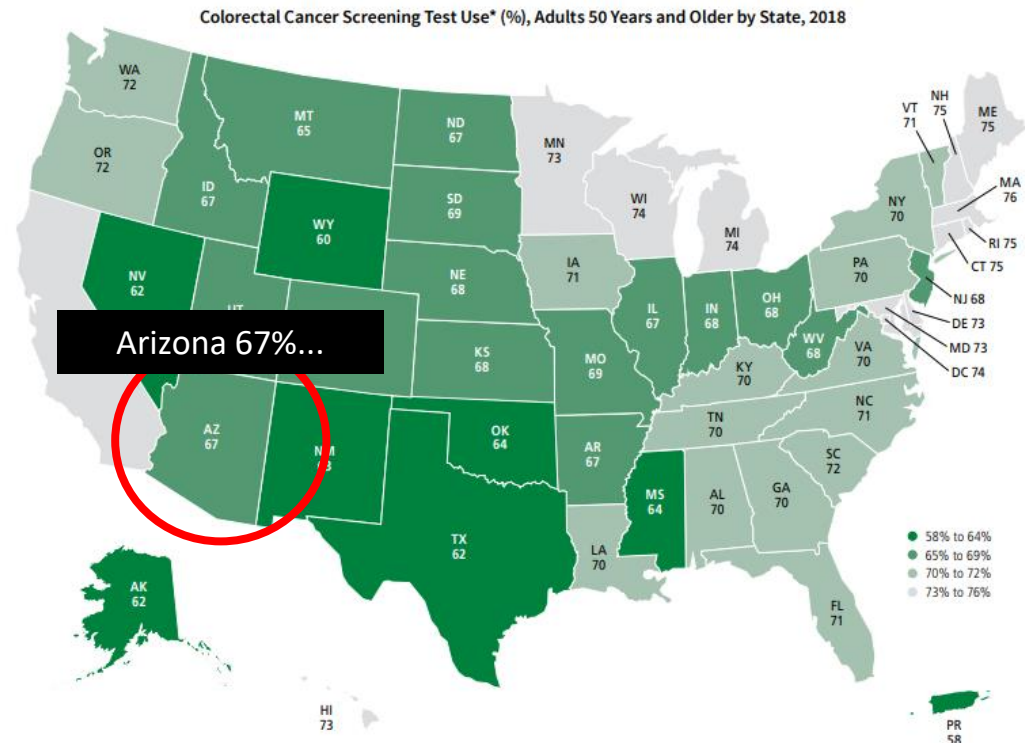
Nevada and the District of Columbia did not meet NAACCR high-quality incidence data standards for one or more years during 2012-2016. Incidence rates for the District of Columbia are based on data years 2012-2014. Rates are age adjusted to the 2000 standard population.

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Colorectal Cancer Screening in Arizona

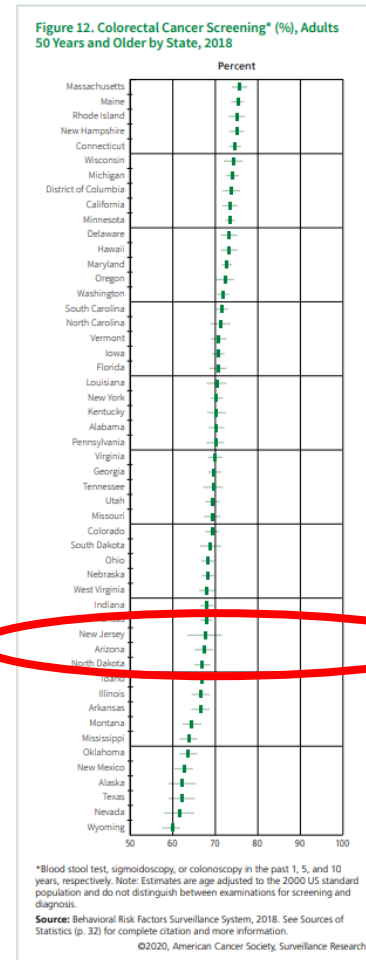
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Cancer Society
National Goal:
80% in every
community**



*Blood stool test, sigmoidoscopy, or colonoscopy in the past 1, 5, and 10 years, respectively.
Note: Estimates are age adjusted to the 2000 US standard population and do not distinguish between examinations for screening and diagnosis.
Source: Behavioral Risk Factors Surveillance System, 2018. See Sources of Statistics (page 32) for complete citation and more information.

Colon Cancer Screening in Arizona

We are #39
in US



Risk Factors for Colorectal Cancer: What can you do?

Family History
(things that
can't be
changed)

Things that
can be
changed

Table 3. Relative Risks for Established Colorectal Cancer Risk Factors

	Relative risk*
Factors that increase risk:	
Heredity and medical history	
Family history ⁸⁴	
CRC	
1 or more first-degree relatives	2.2
1 or more first-degree relatives diagnosed before age 50	3.6
2 or more first-degree relatives	4.0
1 or more second-degree relatives	1.7
Adenoma	
1 or more first-degree relatives	2.0
Inflammatory bowel disease ¹¹⁵	1.7
Type 2 diabetes ¹²⁴	
Male	1.4
Female	1.2†
Modifiable factors	
Heavy alcohol (daily average >3 drinks) ¹⁹⁵	1.3
Obesity (body mass index ≥30 kg/m ²) ¹⁴⁶	1.3
Colon, male	1.5
Colon, female	1.1
Rectum, male	1.3
Rectum, female	1.0†
Red meat (100 g/day) ¹⁶⁶	1.1
Processed meat (50 g/day) ¹⁶⁶	1.2
Smoking ¹⁹⁰	
Current vs. never	1.5
Former vs. never	1.2
Factors that decrease risk:	
Physical activity ¹³⁸	0.7
Dairy (400 g/day) ¹⁶⁶	0.9

*Relative risk compares the risk of disease among people with a particular exposure to the risk among people without that exposure. Relative risk for dietary factors compares the highest with the lowest consumption. If the relative risk is more than 1.0, then risk is higher among exposed than unexposed persons. Relative risks less than 1.0 indicate a protective effect.
†Relative risk was not statistically significant.

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HIGHEST MODIFIABLE RISK FACTORS!

- Heavy drinking
- Smoking
- Obesity

Colon Cancer TNM Staging: Local (T Stage), Regional (N Stage), and Distant (M Stage)

Local: T Stage

How far does it go into the bowel wall?

Regional: N Stage

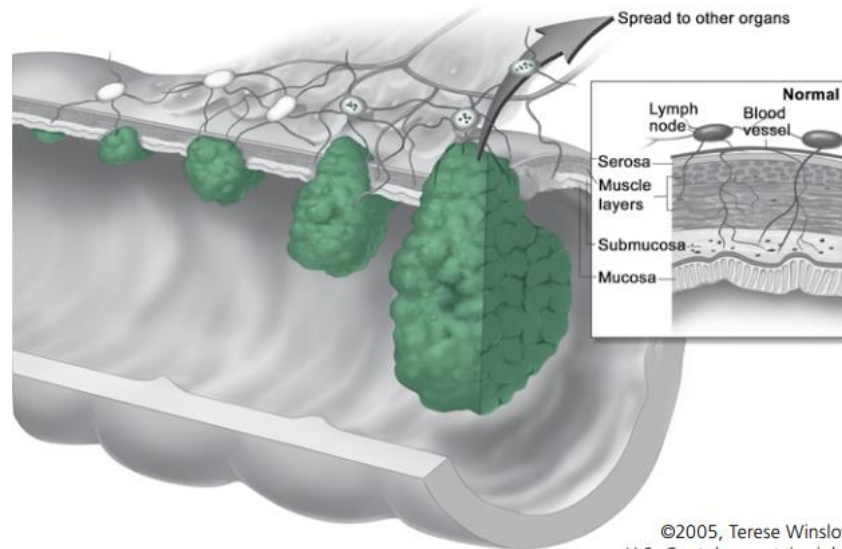
Does it go into the nearby lymph nodes?

Distant: M stage

Does it go to other organs like the liver or lungs?

The more confined the tumor, the earlier the stage

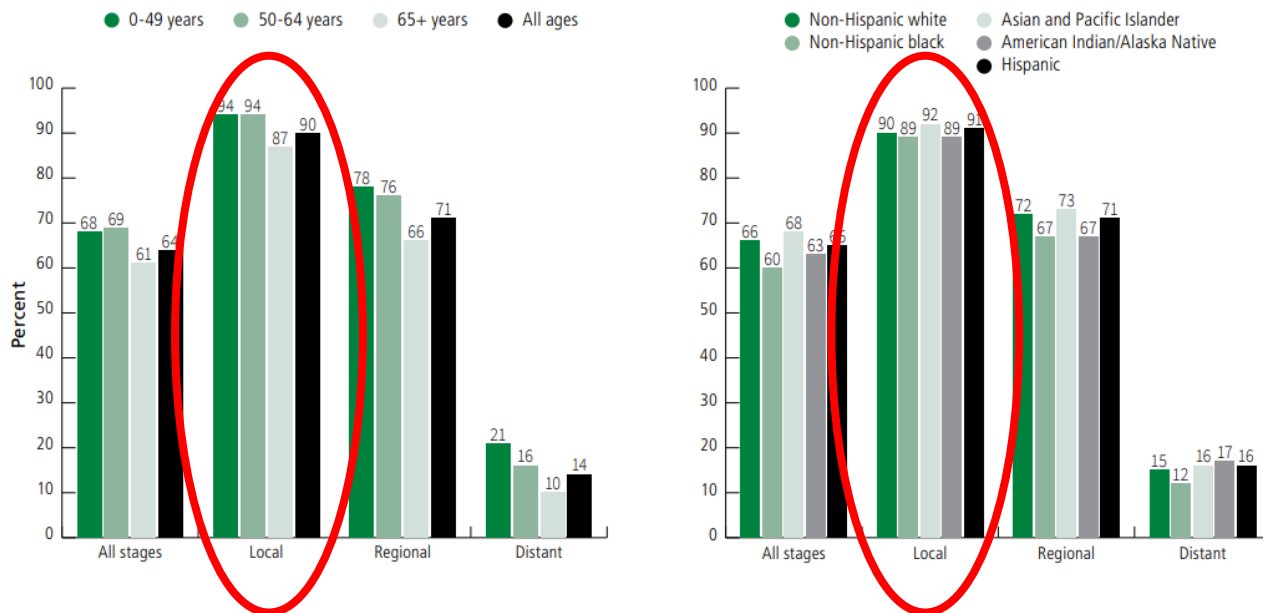
Figure 2. Stages of Colorectal Cancer Growth



<https://www.cancer.org/content/dam/cancer-org/research/cancer-facts-and-statistics/colorectal-cancer-facts-and-figures/colorectal-cancer-facts-and-figures-2020-2022.pdf>

Colorectal Cancer 5 Year Survival by Age and Race/Ethnicity

Figure 10. Colorectal Cancer Five-year Survival (%) by Age and Race/Ethnicity, 2009-2015



*Cause-specific survival rates are the probability of not dying from colorectal cancer within 5 years of diagnosis. Rates are based on cases diagnosed from 2009 to 2015, all followed through 2016. Rates for American Indians/Alaska Natives are based on small case numbers, particularly for distant-stage disease.

Source: SEER Program, 2019.

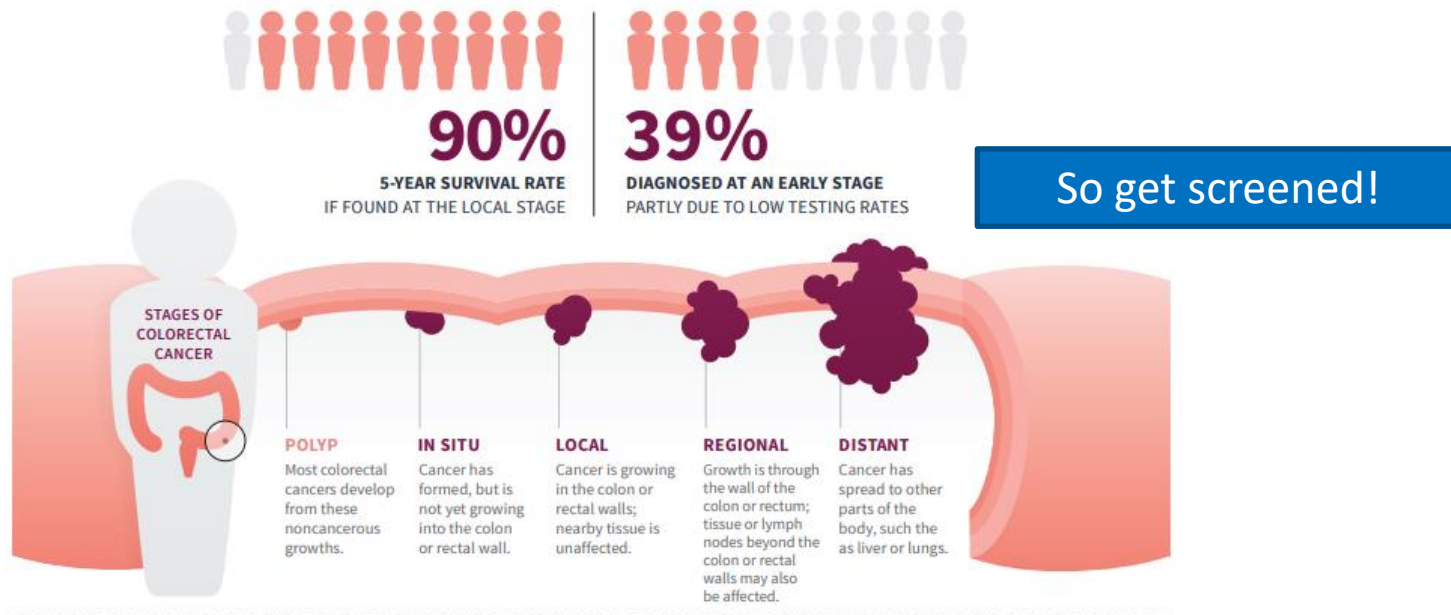
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Colon Cancer Caught Early is Highly Treatable!

COLORECTAL CANCER: CATCHING IT EARLY

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Colon Cancer Screening: It Works!

COLORECTAL CANCER
is the 2nd leading cause of
CANCER DEATHS in the US

83% of
Kaiser Permanente members* are
now screened for colorectal cancer

From 2000 to 2015

52%
FEWER DEATHS
FROM COLORECTAL
CANCER

26%
FEWER CASES
OF COLORECTAL
CANCER

* N Cal region, screened by fecal immunochemical test (FIT), colonoscopy or sigmoidoscopy, compared with fewer than two-thirds nationally (CDC); Levin and Corley et al., Gastroenterology, July 2018.

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Colon Cancer Screening

- **Who Should Be Screened?**

- EVERYONE! At age 45!
- Earlier than age 45 if risk factors such as:
 - Family history of colon cancer
 - Personal history of inflammatory bowel disease
 - Symptoms such as bleeding, abdominal pain, unexplained weight loss

- **How is Screening Done?**

- Stool Test
- Visual Test

Stool Test: FIT

Stool Tests (Low-sensitivity stool tests, such as single-sample FOBT done in the doctor's office or toilet bowl tests, are not recommended.)				
Fecal immunochemical test (FIT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No bowel cleansing or sedation Performed at home Low cost Noninvasive 	Performance: Intermediate for cancer Complexity: Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires multiple stool samples Will miss most polyps May produce false-positive test results Slightly more effective when combined with a flexible sigmoidoscopy every five years Colonoscopy necessary if positive 	Annual



The #1 Selling Home Colon Cancer Test.



Recommended Annually for Colorectal Cancer Screening.

Mechanism:

Uses antibodies to detect blood in the stool

PCP orders

Stool Test: FIT-DNA

Multitargeted stool DNA test (Cologuard®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No bowel cleansing or sedation• Performed at home• Requires only a single stool sample• Noninvasive	Performance: Intermediate for cancer Complexity: Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will miss most polyps• More false-positive results than other tests• Higher cost than gFOBT and FIT• Colonoscopy necessary if positive	3 years, per manufacturer's recommendation
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*Complexity involves patient preparation, inconvenience, facilities and equipment needed, and patient discomfort. †For average risk individuals, e.g., does not apply to those who have a history of adenoma.



Mechanism:

Uses antibodies to detect blood in the stool (FIT)

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Test to detect altered DNA shed by tumors and some polyps (DNA) = FIT-DNA, “stool DNA test” or Cologuard (brand name)

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Visual Test: Virtual Colonoscopy

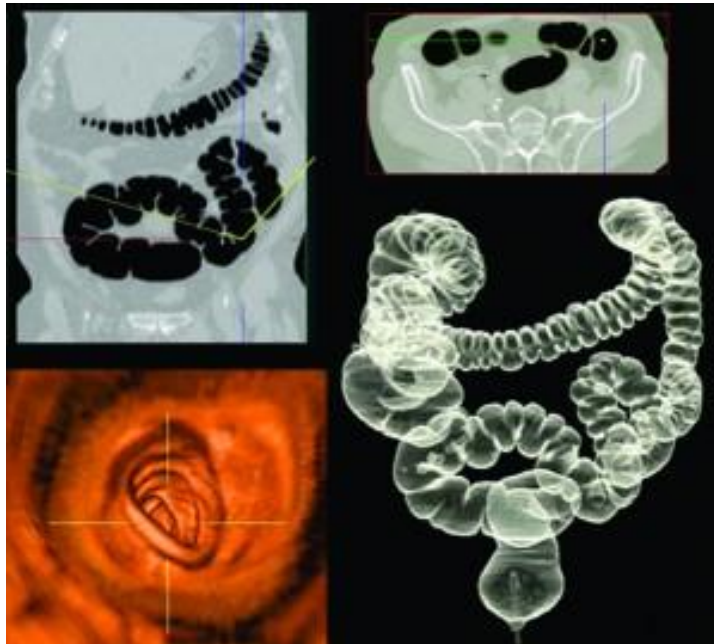
Computed tomographic colonography (CTC)

- Examines entire colon
- Fairly quick
- Few complications
- No sedation needed
- Noninvasive

Performance:
High (for large polyps)
Complexity:
Intermediate

- Full bowel cleansing
- Cannot remove polyps or perform biopsies
- Exposure to low-dose radiation
- Colonoscopy necessary if positive
- Not covered by all insurance plans

5 years



Usually ordered by specialist such as GI or colorectal surgeon

Often used as a screening test for patients who are very high risk for anesthesia or procedure (i.e., major lung or heart problems, can't stop blood thinners so higher risk from bleeding)

Visual Test: Flexible Sigmoidoscopy

Flexible sigmoidoscopy

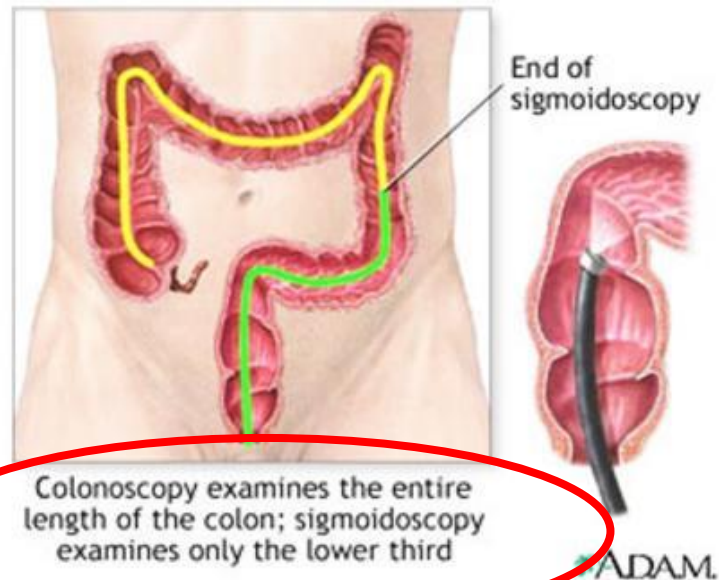
- Fairly quick
- Few complications
- Minimal bowel preparation
- Does not require sedation or a specialist

Performance:
High for rectum & lower one-third of the colon

Complexity:
Intermediate

- Partial bowel cleansing
- Views only one-third of colon
- Cannot remove large polyps
- Small risk of infection or bowel tear
- Slightly more effective when combined with annual fecal occult blood testing
- Colonoscopy necessary if positive
- Limited availability

5 years



Visual Test: Colonoscopy/Gold Standard

Colonoscopy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Examines entire colon• Can biopsy and remove polyps• Can diagnose other diseases• Required for abnormal results from all other tests	Performance: Highest Complexity: Highest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full bowel cleansing• Can be expensive• Sedation usually needed, necessitating a chaperone to return home• Patient may miss a day of work.• Highest risk of bowel tears or infections compared with other tests	10 years [†]
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But still low risk!
Risk of perforation
0.2-0.3% in large
series

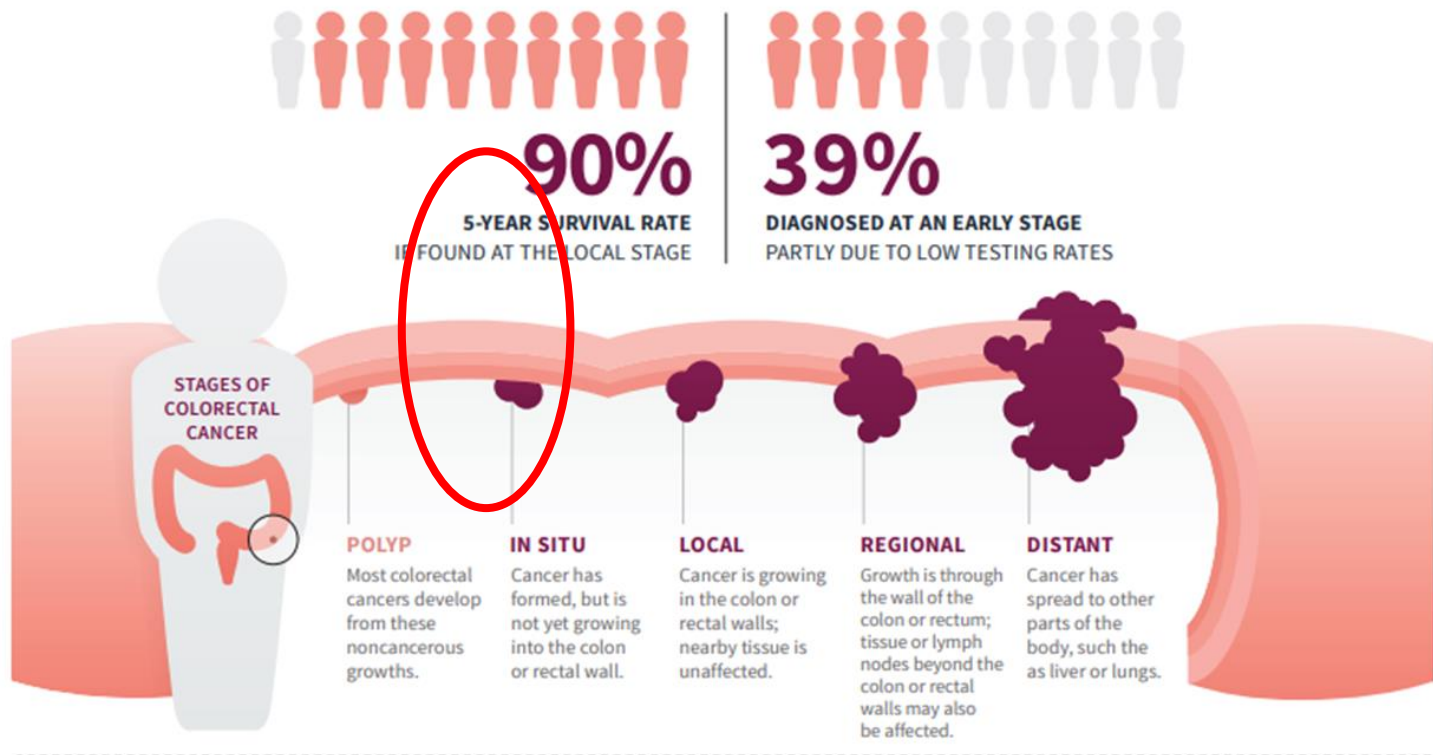
Main Benefit of Colonoscopy:

Remove Polyps BEFORE they become a cancer or at very early stage

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Reasons to Have a Colonoscopy

Screening/Surveillance	Diagnostic
Colon cancer screening <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start at age 45• repeat every years until age 75	Blood from the rectum <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Either bright red or dark/tarry
Personal history of polyps	Iron deficiency anemia
Family history of colon cancer	Change in stools, especially narrow stools <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diarrhea• Constipation
	Unintentional weight loss
	Unexplained abdominal pain
	Abnormal imaging (like CT scan)
	Episode of diverticulitis

Colonoscopy Prep: What to Expect





8 TIPS FOR COLONOSCOPY BOWEL PREP

www.YouAndColonoscopy.com



PLAN

Plan ahead, clear your schedule and arrange for privacy

FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

Follow the exact bowel prep instructions your doctor gives you





STRAWS

Drink your medication through a straw to reduce the bitter taste






BATHROOM

Stay near a bathroom

HYDRATE

Keep a variety of clear liquids on hand



ENTERTAINMENT


Surround yourself with comforts like music, books and movies to prevent boredom



REFRIGERATE

Chill your medication in the fridge beforehand





SOFT WIPES

Use baby wipes and soft toilet paper to reduce irritation

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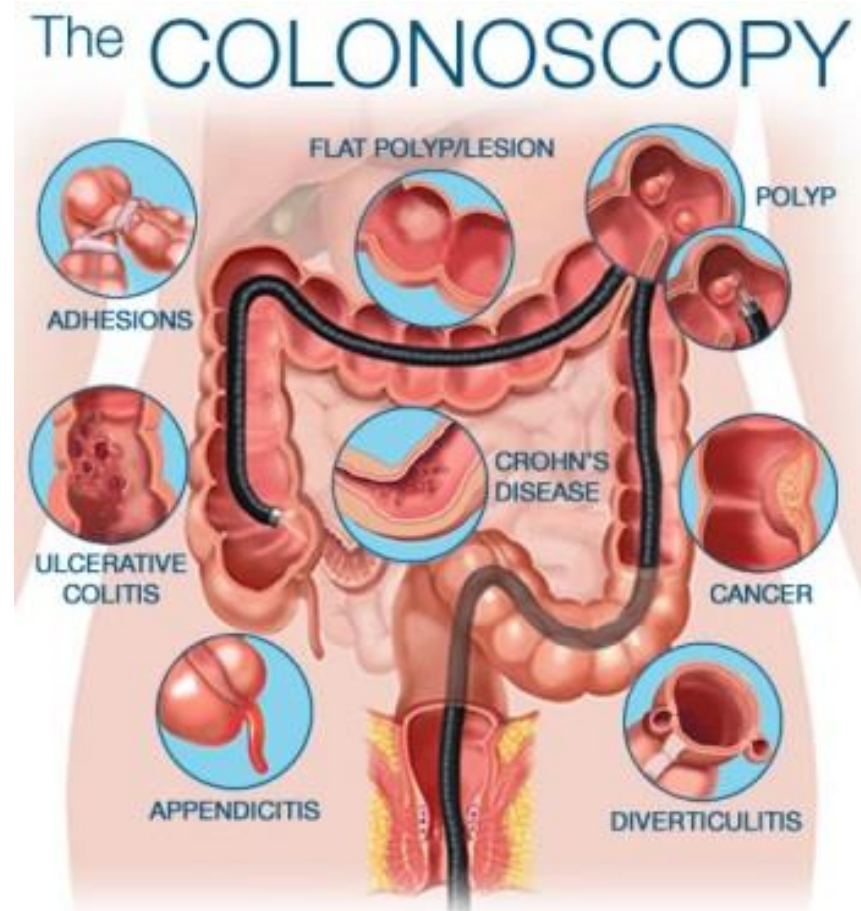
Colonoscopy Prep: Why is it Important?

Excellent prep	Good prep	Fair prep	Poor prep
			
>90% of mucosa seen, mostly liquid stool, minimal suctioning needed for adequate visualization ¹	>90% of mucosa seen, mostly liquid stool , significant suctioning needed for adequate visualization ¹	>90% of mucosa seen, mixture of liquid and semi-solid stool, which could be suctioned and/or washed ¹	<90% of mucosa seen, mixture of semi-solid and solid stool, which could not be suctioned and/or washed ¹

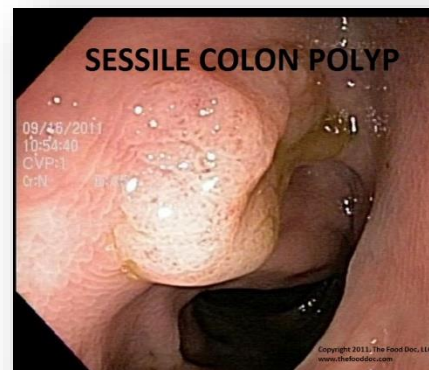
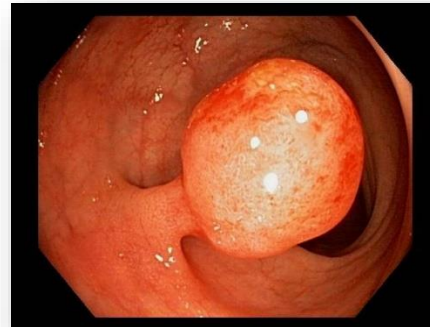
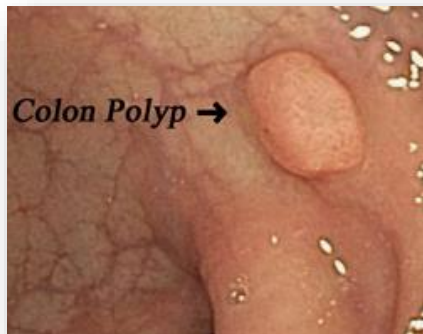
Prep that doesn't allow the endoscopist to see the lining well can mean the colonoscopy has to be repeated at a shorter interval than otherwise might be needed!

Commonly Found Abnormalities

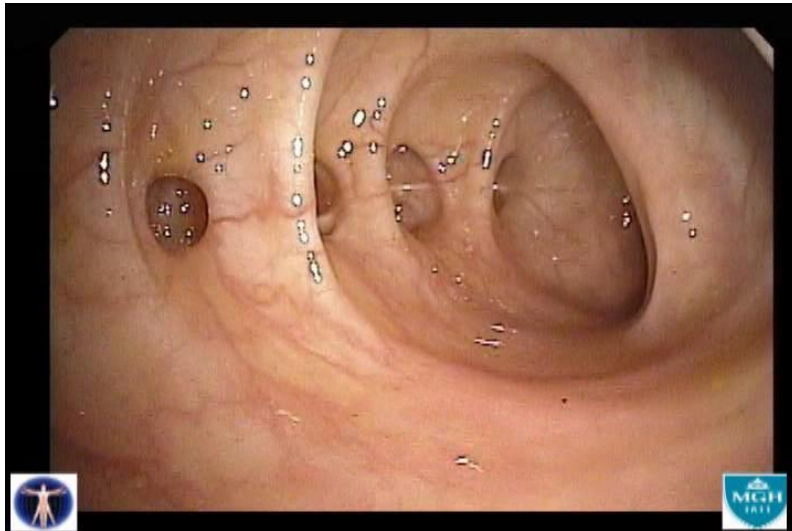
- Polyp
- Cancer
- Diverticulosis “tics”
- Hemorrhoids



Polyps



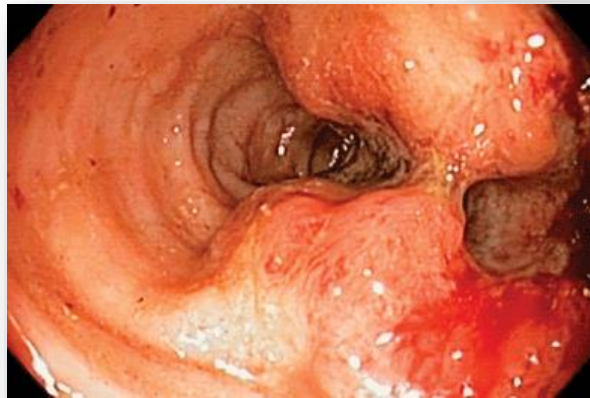
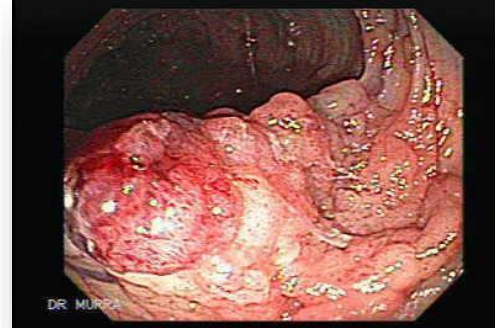
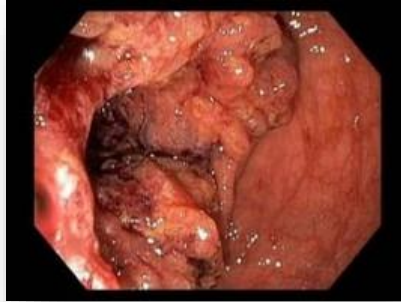
Diverticulosis



Hemorrhoids



Cancer



What Happens After the Colonoscopy?

- Expected afterwards
 - Mild abdominal pain/cramping
 - Excessive gas or bloated feeling
 - What will help: rest, liquids, light meals, walking
- Patients are asked to call the office if:
 - Rectal bleeding of more than 1 teaspoon at a time
 - Worsening abdominal pain or cramping
- Will know the day of procedure what was found
- Takes 1-3 weeks to get pathology results, which determine when next colonoscopy should be done

How to Access Colon Cancer Screening

- Talk to your primary care about the available options
- Colonoscopy has the highest rate of detection, but has the most risk (although small)
- Stool testing ok if:
 - No symptoms
 - No family history
 - No personal history of polyps
 - Must be repeated every 1 or 3 years depending on test
- May ask for referral through your GI or colorectal surgeon to discuss options in detail and risks of each procedure

Fast Track to Colonoscopy Screenings

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Even if it's “not time” ...

- A repeat colonoscopy is needed if you start having any symptoms!
 - Rectal bleeding
 - Unexplained weight loss
 - Abdominal pain

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Treatments That May Be Offered

Treatment	Colon or Rectal Polyp	Colon Cancer	Rectal Cancer
Endoscopic Removal (during colonoscopy or transanal surgery)	X		
Surgery	X	X	X
Chemotherapy		X usually after surgery	X often both before and after surgery
Radiation		Rarely	X Usually before surgery

Treatment decisions are best made by a group of cancer doctors at a cancer center and are personalized to the cancer and the patient's needs and goals.

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Genetic Counselor



Kimberly Brussow, MS, CGC
Genetic Counselor

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Peter Wu, MD
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Reconstructive
Surgery

Pain and Palliative Care



Kerry Tobias, DO
Supportive Care and
Survivorship

*Other Services Involved in
All Decisions:
Radiology and Pathology*

*When needed:
Gynecologic Oncology
Urologic Oncology*

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COLORECTAL CANCER

— BY THE NUMBERS

50+

Ages when
colorectal cancer
typically strikes

45

Age average-risk
people should
begin screening

101K

Number of people
diagnosed with
colon cancer
in 2019

1M

Number of
colon-cancer
survivors
in the U.S.

90%

Five-year survival
rate for early
stage colon
cancer

SOURCE: AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

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What you can do to reduce your risk factors for colorectal cancer:

Exercise



Getting 150 minutes of exercise per week is an important part of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Even exercising in 10 minute bursts is beneficial

Eat healthy



Fruits, vegetables and whole grains contain vitamins, minerals, fibre and antioxidants, which may play a role in cancer prevention.

Quit smoking



Smokers are at greater risk for diseases that affect the heart and blood vessels. Talk to your doctor about ways to quit that may work for you.

Drink in moderation



Drink alcohol in moderation, if at all. If you choose to drink alcohol, limit the amount of alcohol you drink to no more than one drink a day for women and two for men.

Lose weight



If you have a healthy weight, work to maintain your weight by combining a healthy diet with daily exercise. If you need to lose weight, ask your doctor about healthy ways to achieve your goal.



45 OR OLDER?

Talk with your doctor about a

**COLON CANCER
SCREENING**



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COLON CANCER is:

Preventable.

Treatable.

BEATABLE.

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