



Screening Helps Save Lives— Talk to Your Doctor¹

Screening is important to prevent colorectal cancer

Colorectal cancer is a serious disease: It is the second leading cause of death from cancer in the United States. However, screening tests can prevent it or detect it early.²

Every day, about 370 families in the United States will learn that a loved one has colorectal cancer.²

More than 50,000 people die from colorectal cancer every year.²

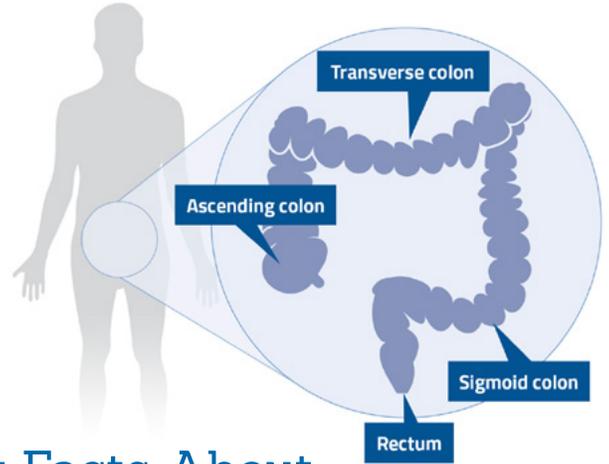
Who Should Be Screened?

- Any man or woman age 45 or older³
- For people under 45^{3,4}:
 - Anyone with a close relative who has had colorectal cancer
 - Anyone with a history of certain medical conditions that affect the colon



There's a Screening Option That's Right for You

There are many screening options for colorectal cancer, including take-home tests. Your doctor can help identify the right screening option for you.



Key Facts About Colon Cancer

Colorectal Cancer⁴

- Colorectal cancer almost always develops from abnormal growths (called polyps) in the colon
- You can have early colorectal cancer and not feel it

Screening Is Important

- Screening tests can find abnormal growths and remove them before they turn into cancer⁴
- With prompt detection of early-stage colorectal cancer, the 5-year survival rate (people who live at least 5 years after diagnosis) is 90%¹

Colorectal cancer screening doesn't have to cost a lot. Most health insurance plans cover 100% of screening costs. Call your insurance plan to check your coverage.⁵

To learn more about colorectal cancer and screening, visit

www.LoveYourColon.org

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