



COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

ARE YOU AT RISK FOR COLORECTAL CANCER?

Colorectal cancer can affect anyone - men or women alike - and your risk increases as you age. But some people are at greater risk for the disease.

- People with a personal or family history of benign colorectal polyps.
- People with a personal or family history of colorectal cancer.
- People with a personal or family history of inflammatory bowel disease – ulcerative colitis or Crohn's.
- People with a personal or family history of ovarian, endometrial or breast cancer.
- People of African American and Hispanic descent, who are often diagnosed at a later stage of the disease.
- Men and women over the age of 50.

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Talk to your colorectal surgeon or other healthcare provider about colorectal cancer. Colorectal cancer is preventable, and is easy to treat and often curable when detected early. Ask your healthcare provider what kind of screening test you should have and when.

To learn more, visit the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons website at www.fascrs.org or www.preventcancer.org/colorectal.htm or call 1-877-35-COLON.

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