



GOT SCOPED YET?

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Why you may need a colonoscopy

The bad news first

Of cancers affecting men and women, colorectal cancer is the second leading cancer killer in the country.

Now the good news

If detected early, it's 90% treatable and 90% preventable.

All adults over the age of 50 are at risk for colorectal cancer, and should be screened for polyps and cancer.



Make the appointment!

According to the Centers for Disease Control, you don't always experience symptoms. So, if you're putting it off because you feel nothing is wrong, that may be a bad idea. Also, if you have any of the known risk factors (relatives who've had colon cancer; or if you have IBD, Crohn's disease, or ulcerative colitis) you should talk to your medical provider about getting screened.

The American Cancer Society has identified colorectal cancer as a major priority because the application of existing knowledge has such great potential to prevent cancer, diminish suffering, and save lives.