



# Update on CRC Screening

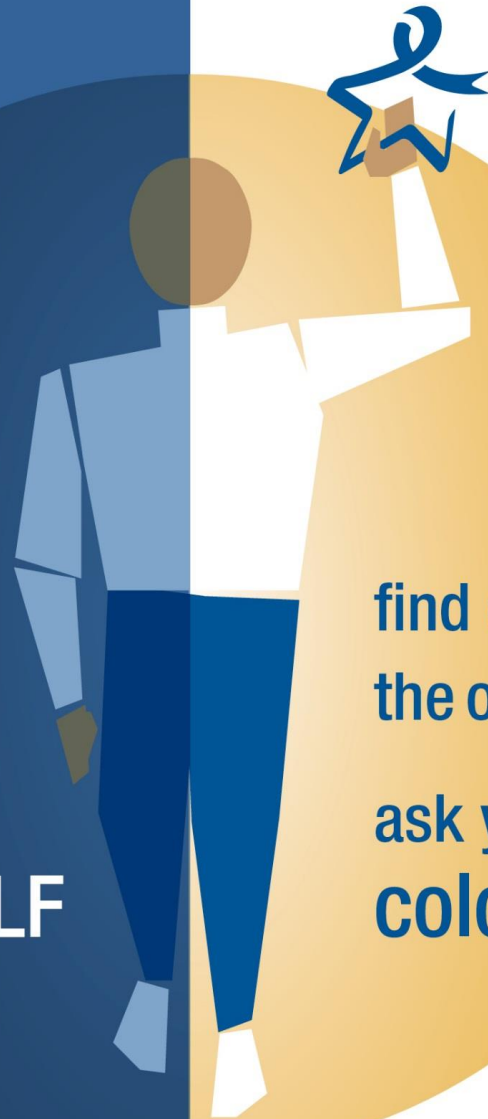
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this year  
**50,000 PEOPLE**  
are expected to  
**DIE** of  
colorectal cancer

Screening could  
**SAVE** more than **HALF**  
of those lives\*

\*American Cancer Society *Cancer Facts & Figures* 2013



find out how  
the other half **LIVES —**

ask your doctor about a  
**colonoscopy**

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# Why talk about it?

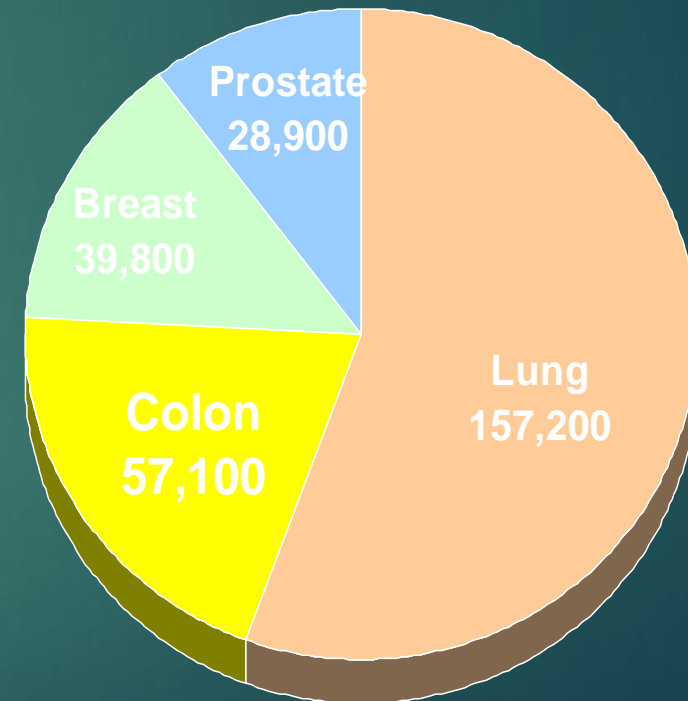
*One of the most preventable cancers!*

- 🌿 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of cancer deaths
- 🌿 2<sup>nd</sup> most common cancer diagnosed in women
- 🌿 1 in 3 people diagnosed will die
- 🌿 Lifetime incidence (average risk): 4.4%

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**Nationwide:** 147,500 new cases  
57,100 deaths

2003 Cancer Death Estimates



*Data represents 2003 colorectal cancer estimates from the SEER database*

# Women are...

- ▶ Diagnosed with colon cancer at rates **EQUALLY** as men
- ▶ **Less likely** to get screening than men

# Does Screening Help?

- ▶ Death rates from CRC are declining on average 2.7 percent each year between 2004 and 2013
- ▶ A microsimulation model, MISCAN-Colon, suggests that **screening may account for 53 percent** of the observed reduction in CRC mortality

Edwards BK, Ward E, Kohler BA, et al. Annual report to the nation on the status of cancer, 1975-2006, featuring colorectal cancer trends and impact of interventions (risk factors, screening, and treatment) to reduce future rates. Cancer 2010; 116:544.

# Current GI Association Screening Guidelines:

## Who and When To Screen

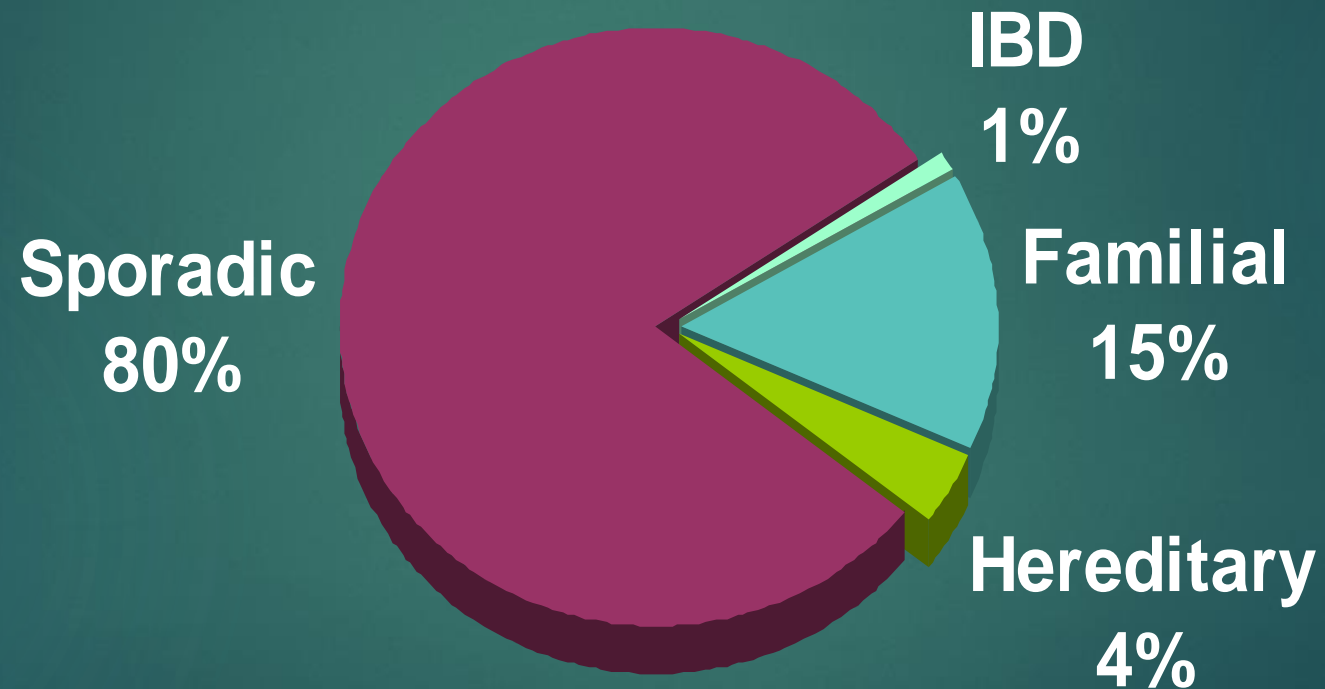
- ▶ Average risk: **start regular screening at age 50**
- ▶ Begin screening of **African Americans at age 45**
- ▶ People who are in good health and with a life expectancy of more than 10 years should continue regular colorectal cancer screening through the **age of 75**.
- ▶ For people **ages 76 through 85**, the decision to be screened should be based on a person's preferences, life expectancy, overall health, and prior screening history.



# Current Screening Guidelines: Who and When To Screen

- ▶ \*For screening, people are considered to be at average risk if they **do not** have:
  - ▶ A personal history of colorectal cancer **or certain types of polyps**
  - ▶ A **family history** of colorectal cancer
  - ▶ A personal history of inflammatory bowel disease (ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease)
  - ▶ A confirmed or suspected hereditary colorectal cancer syndrome, such as familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP) or Lynch syndrome (hereditary non-polyposis colon cancer or HNPCC)
  - ▶ A personal history of getting radiation to the abdomen (belly) or pelvic area to treat a prior cancer

# Types of Colon Cancer





# Current Screening Guidelines: Who and When To Screen

Family History

Recommended Screening Interval

# Current Screening Guidelines: Who and When To Screen

- ▶ HNPCC (Lynch Syndrome)
  - ▶ Patients who meet the Bethesda criteria should undergo microsatellite instability testing of their tumor or a family member's tumor and/or tumor immunohistochemical staining for mismatch repair proteins (Grade 2 B)
    - ▶ Note: we reflexively test ALL tumors at UH for MSI
  - ▶ Those with positive genetic testing, or those at risk when genetic testing is unsuccessful in an affected proband, should undergo colonoscopy every 2 years beginning at age 20 – 25 years,
  - ▶ Endometrial cancer at a young age (<50)

# ACS Update 5/30/2018

- ▶ Average risk: **start regular screening at age 45**

# The Why (MISCAN Modeling)

- ▶ Microsimulation Screening Analysis-Colon (MISCAN-Colon) model was used to inform the US Preventive Services Task Force colorectal cancer (CRC) screening guidelines
- ▶ Life-years gained (LYG; benefit), the number of colonoscopies (COL; burden) and the ratios of incremental burden to benefit (efficiency ratio  $[ER] = \Delta COL / \Delta LYG$ ) were projected for different screening strategies.
  - ▶ These values were also corrected for life years lost due to screening complications
- ▶ Consequently, the balance of burden to benefit of screening improved and now 10-yearly colonoscopy screening starting at age 45 years resulted in an ER of 32



<https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/Page/Document/evaluating-test-strategies-for-colorectal-cancer-screening-a-decision-analysis-for-the-us-preventive-services-task-force/colorectal-cancer-screening>

A total of 132 unique  
screening strategies  
were evaluated

# Lifetime number of colonoscopies and life-years gained (LYG) for colonoscopy screening strategies



9 efficient  
strategies  
identified



# Why 45?

- ▶ It was efficient (1 of the 9)
- ▶ Highest # of LYG among the strategies with ERs <40 and 45
- ▶ Compared with the current recommendation (screening every 10 years from ages 50-75 years), this strategy resulted in 25 (+6.2%) additional LYG

# Screening Options

- ▶ Direct Visualization
  - ▶ Colonoscopy every 10 years
  - ▶ CT Colonography every 5 years
  - ▶ Flexible Sigmoidoscopy every 5 years
  - ▶ Flexible Sigmoidoscopy every 10 years with FIT every year



## Stool Testing

FOBT every year

FIT every year

Cologuard (Stool DNA) every 3 years

# FIT vs Cologuard vs Colonoscopy

- 9989 patients enrolled and each underwent FIT, Cologuard AND colonoscopy
- **Cologuard**: sensitivity for CRC of 92%, 40% sensitivity for SSPs >1 cm in size
- **FIT**: 73.8% sensitivity for cancer, sensitivity for SSPs = to the false-positive rate, indicating no sensitivity.
- **Cost effectiveness**: many many modeling studies have been done, and they all show ALL screening tests are cost effective as cost of cancer treatment far outweighs cost of screening (for both colonoscopy AND stool based testing)

# Cologuard

- ▶ Covered by Medicare, every 3 years, age 50-85, as a SCREEN
- ▶ If positive→need colonoscopy
- ▶ Cannot go back to Cologuard

# Who CANNOT use Cologuard

- Patients with a history of colorectal cancer, **adenomas**, or other related cancers.
- Patients who have had a positive result from another colorectal cancer screening method within the last 6 months.
- Patients who have been diagnosed with a relevant familial (hereditary) cancer syndrome, such as Hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer syndrome (HNPCCC or Lynch Syndrome), Peutz-Jeghers Syndrome, MYH-Associated Polyposis (MAP), Gardner's syndrome, Turcot's (or Crail's) syndrome, Cowden's syndrome, Juvenile Polyposis, Cronkhite-Canada syndrome, Neurofibromatosis, Familial Hyperplastic Polyposis.
- Patients who have been diagnosed with a condition that is associated with high risk for colorectal cancer. These include but are not limited to:
  - Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Chronic ulcerative colitis (CUC)
  - Crohn's disease
  - Familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP)
  - **Family history of colorectal cancer\*\***



# Colonoscopy

*Get the polyp. Get the cure.*

## Advantages

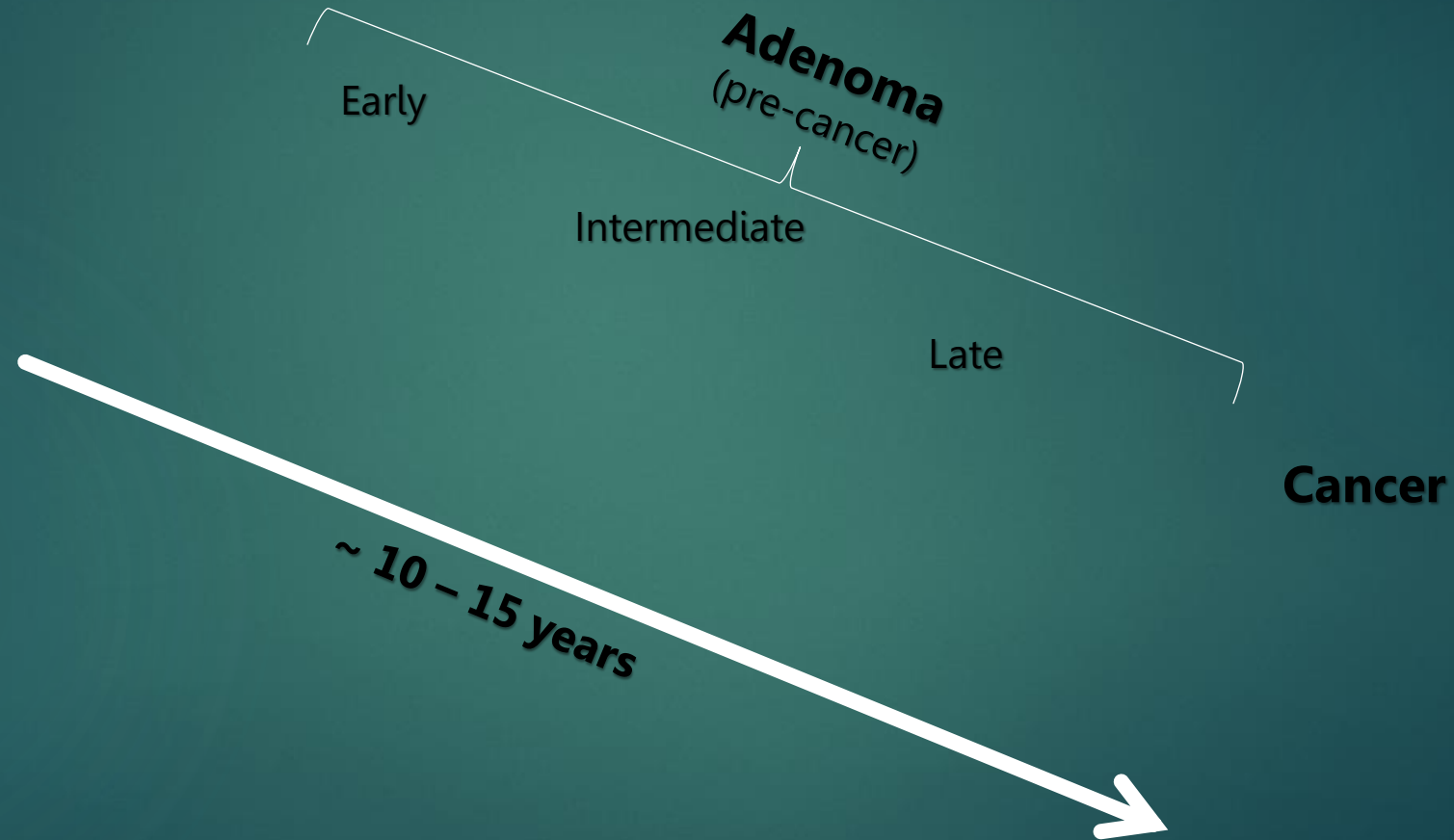
- ▶ Detects >95% polyps and 100% cancers
- ▶ Provides diagnosis and therapy
- ▶ Medicare covers average-risk

## Limitations

- ▶ Risks
- ▶ Availability
- ▶ Cost
- ▶ Compliance

# Natural History of Colorectal Cancer

**Normal Colon**



# Adenoma-Carcinoma Sequence

- ▶ Most colorectal cancers (CRCs) arise from adenomas
- ▶ The progression from adenoma to carcinoma takes about 10 years
- ▶ Removal of adenomatous polyps prevents cancer
  - ▶ The National Polyp Study followed 1418 patients in whom colonoscopic examination led to the removal of one or more polyps.
  - ▶ During a mean follow-up of six years, the incidence of colon cancer was **88 to 90 percent lower** than in patients reported in other studies who had polyps that were not removed and **76 percent lower than in the general population.**

Winawer SJ, Zauber AG, Ho MN, et al. Prevention of colorectal cancer by colonoscopic polypectomy. The National Polyp Study Workgroup. N Engl J Med 1993; 329:1977.

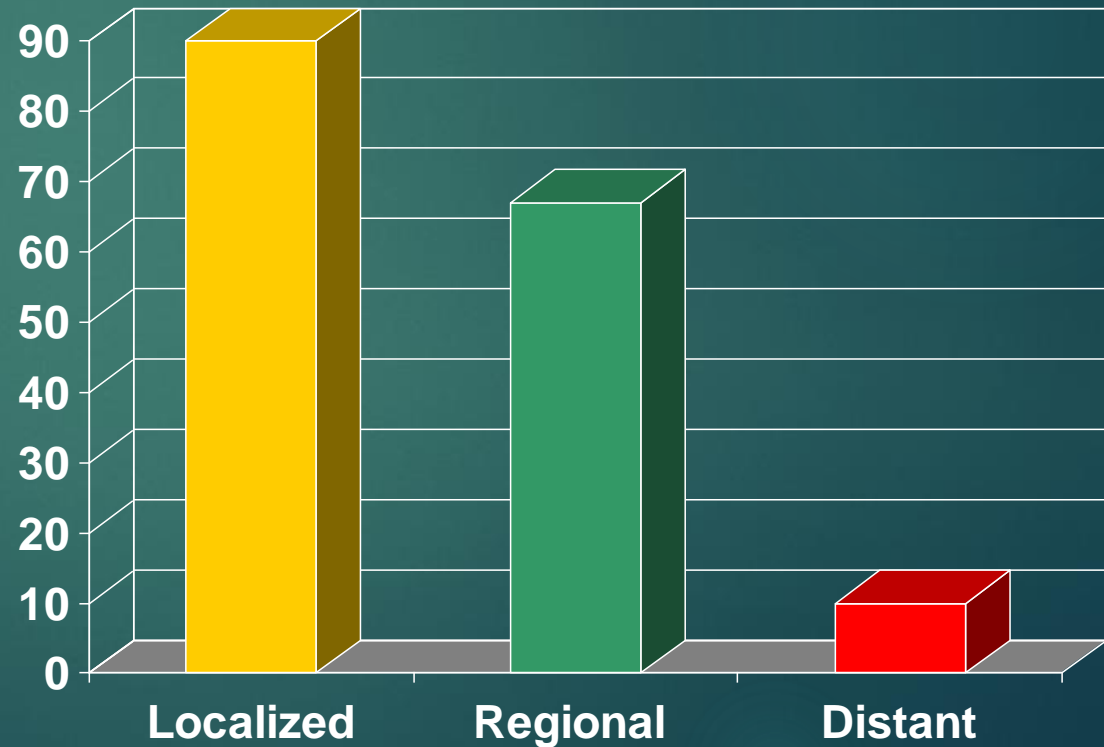
# Benefits of Screening

Polypectomy prevents cancer

BUT

90% survival if cancer found early

**Five-Year Relative Survival Rates for  
Colorectal Cancer by Stage at Diagnosis, 1995-2000**



# Is your provider doing a good job?

**Table 3.** Tools for patients to enhance colonoscopy quality

Questions for patients to ask prospective colonoscopists to help ensure a high-quality examination
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What is your adenoma detection rate? (should be <math>\geq 25\%</math> overall or <math>\geq 30\%</math> for male patients and <math>\geq 20\%</math> for female patients)</li><li>2. What is your cecal intubation rate (should be <math>\geq 95\%</math> for screening colonoscopies and <math>\geq 90\%</math> overall)</li><li>3. Do you use split-dosing of bowel preparations? (effective bowel preparation requires that at least half the preparation be ingested on the day of the colonoscopy)</li></ol>
Checks of the endoscopy report after the procedure
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Does the report include photographs of the end of the colon, including the appendiceal orifice and ileocecal valve/terminal ileum? (this demonstrates that the full extent of the colon was examined)</li><li>2. Is the bowel preparation quality described? (the preparation must be adequate to ensure effective examination)</li></ol>

SEE HOW A SMALL DIFFERENCE  
can make all the difference

Did you know that your risk of colon cancer increases dramatically after the age of 50? But with regular screening, over 90% of cases can be stopped before the cancer advances<sup>3</sup>

If detected early, colon cancer is highly treatable.<sup>4</sup>



COLON CANCER SURVIVAL STATISTICS<sup>4</sup>



\* Based on 5-year survival rate



# Are people getting tested?

*Testing rates remain far too low*

- ▶ Fewer than half of Americans over age 50 report having had a recent colorectal cancer screening test
- ▶ Because of low testing rates, only 39% of colorectal cancers are detected at the earliest, most treatable stage

**Add Clinical Item**  
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**Problems**

Active Problem My Priority

**My Priority**

Health Maintenance/Risks

Health Maintenance

**Other Problems**

Acute otitis media	382.9
Anemia	285.9
Antenatal screening for...	V28.6
Bell's palsy	351.0
Blood in stool	578.1
Cluster headache	339.00
Encounter for birth control pills...	V25.41
Encounter for initial	V25.04

**Medications**

**Orders**

**Allergies**

**DUR Alerts:** Drug-Drug (0) | PAR (0) | Disease (0) | Dup Therapy (0) | Dose (0)

**History Builder**

**Orders**

Instruct Supplies

Problem - based Rx Med Admin Immun Lab Rad Procs Findings FU/Ref

To Be Done:

My Favorites OFF Record w/o Ordering

☐ BRAVO Placement Only (No EGD)

☐ Colonoscopy

☐ Endoscopy - Upper GI

☐ Endoscopy Ultrasound Upper

☐ ERCP

☐ Esophageal Manometry

☐ Flexible Sigmoidoscopy

☐ Helicobacter Pylori Breath Test

☐ Hydrogen Breath Test for Bacterial Overgrowth

☐ Pouchoscopy

☐ Video Capsule Endoscopy

OK Cancel

Order Details

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Colonoscopy

For: [1] Encounter for screening colonoscopy

Status: Active

To Be Done: 17Oct2018

Order

Results

Goals

Details

Questions

Add'l Details

Charging

Encounters

History

Annotations

Details

Perform : Geauga Medical Center

Ordered By : Geauga Medical Center

Supervised By : Lyndhurst Surgery Center

Managed By : Non UH Facility

CC Results

Performing Instructions: 1000 Chars remaining

Patient

Print Copy

Not Required

Cite Result

Save and Close ACl

Cancel

CAROLINE

female 71836287

AUDIT: 17-Oct-2018

Rad

Procs

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**Order** Results Goals

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#### Questions

Colonoscopy Type Screening (30 Mins) ▼

Sedation Type ▼

Indications Screening Colonoscopy ▼

Indications ▼

Pre-existing Conditions ▼

Pre-existing Conditions ▼

Additional Information/Preferred Provider ▼

GI Mental Competence Yes, not mentally competent to provide consent ▼

[Save and Return to ACI](#)

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# My thoughts...

- ▶ Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the U.S. yet it can be prevented by finding and removing precancerous polyps and the best way to find precancerous polyps is to perform screening colonoscopy on asymptomatic individuals
- ▶ The dilemma is that at least 40 percent of people eligible to be screened do not get screened. The reasons are numerous, including costs of time and money, access to care, not being aware of screening recommendations and, frankly, just not wanting to have a colonoscopy.
- ▶ If the detection rate of dangerous polyps is 42 percent, what is left unsaid is that 58 percent of the most dangerous polyps are not detected by Cologuard, and that is unacceptable.
- ▶ It is the last group of patients for which Cologuard is best suited. For people who just do not want to get a colonoscopy, knowing that it can prevent colon cancer, Cologuard is an option. 42 percent is much better than nothing.

# COLON CANCER is:

Preventable.

Treatable.

**BEATABLE.**

Regular testing can prevent colon cancer or find it early.  
If you're 50 and older, go get tested!



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