



MARCH IS NATIONAL COLORECTAL  
CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



Colon Cancer Alliance

- Excluding skin cancer, colorectal cancer is the third most diagnosed cancer in the U.S.
- A person is diagnosed with colorectal cancer every four minutes in the U.S.
- Colorectal Cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the U.S.
- One person in the U.S. dies of colorectal cancer every 9.3 minutes
- One out of 18 people in the U.S. will develop colorectal cancer in their lifetime
- Over 90% of those diagnosed when the cancer is found at a local stage (restricted to colon or rectum) survive more than five years
- Once the cancer is diagnosed at a regional stage (spread to surrounding tissue) that rate drops to 66%
- When the cancer spreads to distant sites, only 8.5% of those diagnosed will reach the five year survival rate
- **Early detection is the key. With regular screening, colorectal cancer can be found early, when treatment is most effective. In many cases, screening can prevent colorectal cancer by finding polyps before they become cancerous. If cancer is present, early detection means a chance at a longer life.**



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