

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

1 True or False? Colorectal Cancer is the Second leading cause of cancer-related death in the U.S.

True! Although colorectal cancer is the 3rd most common cancer, it's the second leading cause of death among cancers. About 1 in 20 will develop colorectal cancer.

2 When colon cancer is found early the chance of being cured is....

Poor Good Nearly 100%

Colorectal cancer is **nearly 100%** treatable when caught at an early stage! According to the Centers for Disease Control, screening and removal precancerous polyps can reduce the number of deaths from colorectal cancer by 60%!

3 True or False? After a colonoscopy that finds polyps, the patient must return for another procedure to remove them before they turn into cancer.

False! When found during a colonoscopy, most polyps can be removed during the procedure.

4 Colonoscopy is encouraged merely once every 2, 5, or 10 years to protect you from cancer?

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Those at average risk should have the procedure every **10 years**, starting at age 50. It may be performed earlier and more often in people at increased risk: those with a personal or family history of polyps or colorectal cancer, inflammatory bowel disease or other hereditary factors determined by your doctor.

5 True or False? There is a reliable test for colorectal cancer that you can complete at home without colonoscopy.

True! Its called a fecal immunochemical test (FIT). It can detect small amounts of hidden blood in your stool. FIT is preferred over similar tests due to its accuracy in detecting hidden blood and because its quick and easy to do and requires no special preparation.



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