

Colon Cancer Screening

Colon, or colorectal, cancer occurs in the colon or rectum. Sometimes abnormal growths, known as polyps, form in the colon or rectum and may turn into cancer over time.

Things to know:

- Colon (colorectal) cancer is the 2nd leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the U.S.
- Colon cancer slowly develops (average of 10 years) through colon polyps.
- Screening colonoscopies detect and remove colon polyps, significantly reducing the risk of colon cancer.

Regular screening, beginning at age 50, is key to preventing colon cancer. Certain risk factors, like bowel disease or family history of colon cancer or polyps, may also warrant screening. Your Hattiesburg Clinic provider can help you decide if screening is right for you.

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