

# Facts About COLON CANCER SCREENING



COLON CANCER IS THE  
**2nd LEADING CAUSE  
OF CANCER DEATHS**  
AMONG U.S. ADULTS



**1 IN 20 PEOPLE**  
DEVELOPS COLON CANCER IN  
THEIR LIFETIME

## COLON CANCER

CAN OFTEN BE PREVENTED THROUGH  
REGULAR SCREENINGS

**SCREENING IS  
RECOMMENDED FOR  
ADULTS AGES 50 - 75**

IF YOU HAVE RISK FACTORS  
(INFLAMMATORY BOWEL  
DISEASE, FAMILY HISTORY OF  
COLON CANCER, HISTORY OF  
POLYPS) YOU MAY NEED TO BE

**SCREENED EARLIER  
OR MORE OFTEN**



COLONOSCOPY IS THE  
**MOST THOROUGH TEST** AND  
IS PROVEN TO DETECT DISEASE

COLONOSCOPY IS  
RECOMMENDED EVERY  
**10 YEARS IF NO  
POLYPS ARE FOUND**

SEVERAL OTHER SCREENING  
TESTS MAY BE RECOMMENDED  
OR AVAILABLE TO YOU  
**ASK YOUR DOCTOR**

SCREENING TESTS ARE **COVERED**  
**HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS**

**GET SCREENED. IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE.**

To learn more about screening and which test may be best for you, talk with your doctor or visit [www.CDC.gov](http://www.CDC.gov) and search for "colon cancer"