



SOUTH CAROLINA
CANCER ALLIANCE

DID YOU KNOW...

**COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING HELPS
FIND CANCER EARLY, WHEN IT IS MORE
TREATABLE.**

Talk with your health care provider about when to begin screening for colorectal cancer, what test(s) to have, the advantages and disadvantages of each test.

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COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING

Approximately **2,166*** people are diagnosed with colorectal cancer and **829** die from the disease each year.

Colorectal cancer is one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers in both men and women, and even though it is one of the more deadly of the leading cancers, it is also the most preventable. Colorectal cancer starts in the colon or rectum, and are often noticed as a growth called a polyp. Polyps become cancer over time, and finding and removing polyps can prevent colorectal cancer altogether.

This statistic **excludes in situ cancers.*

Colorectal cancer screening is recommended for adults who are between the ages of **45-75 years old**.

The decision to screen for colorectal cancer in adults aged **76 to 85** should be an individual one made with the provider, considering the patient's overall health and prior screening history.

Source: The screening recommendations on this fact sheet were adapted from the U.S. Preventative Services Task Force.

For more information about colorectal cancer screening and the different types of testing, visit **www.sccancer.org/colon** or call **803-708-4732**.