

Screening tests

FACT:

A significant number of deaths from colorectal cancers could be prevented if everyone age 45 and older were screened as recommended.

The most common reason people avoid screening is fear—of finding colon cancer, of the bowel prep, and of getting a colonoscopy.

 **How often to get tested depends on your risk factors and type of screening test.**

 **Ask your health care provider about different screening tests and bowel prep options. Discuss your fears freely.**

 **You choose – take time to get screened or risk getting the second leading cause of cancer deaths.**



Screening can detect polyps so they can be removed before they turn into cancer.

About 72% of adults are up to date with colorectal cancer screening.