

## Who should be screened?

The risk of colon cancer increases as you get older; therefore, everyone age 50 or older should be screened for colon cancer.



If someone in your family has had colon cancer or pre-cancerous polyps, you have an even greater chance of developing colon cancer.



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# You May be Eligible for No Cost Colon Cancer Screening



## What is colon cancer?

Colon cancer is cancer of the large intestines (colon). Rectal cancer is cancer of the last several inches of the colon. They are often referred to as colorectal cancers.



## What is colon cancer screening?

Colon cancer screening is an examination of the large intestine and rectum to look for precancerous growths or other signs of cancer. There are several tests for colon cancer. The test examining the entire colon is called a colonoscopy.

## Are you eligible for NO cost screening?

**You may be eligible to receive screenings at NO COST if you:**

- Are age 50 and over, or younger if high risk
- Have no health insurance to cover the screening
- Have limited income\*

*\*Income eligibility changes yearly and is based on U.S. government guidelines.*

Baltimore County residents who are insured and meet eligibility requirements may be able to receive assistance with scheduling appointments, transportation and interpretation services.



## Why is screening so important?

Colon cancer usually has no symptoms. Screening is important because treatment for colon cancer is most effective when detected early.

Most colon cancers start as polyps, which are tiny growths in the colon. By removing the polyp the risk of developing colon cancer may be reduced.



## SCREENING

Colorectal cancer screening tests may be covered by your health insurance policy without a deductible or co-pay.