

One-third of colon cancer deaths could be prevented with regular screening



Here's the **bottom line**

This year, over 146,000 new cases of colon cancer will be diagnosed in the United States.

- Colon cancer, or colorectal cancer, is the second leading cancer killer in the United States.
- Colon cancer is most common in men and women ages 50 and older.
- Men and women 50 and over should get tested for colon cancer and follow their physician's recommended screening schedule.*

Check your benefits booklet to determine if your health plan coverage pays for this type of screening.



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