

OPEN ACCESS COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING

Screening, or testing, is done while you are feeling well – to detect, or find, any abnormalities early, before signs and symptoms of disease occur. Screening for colorectal cancer allows for the early detection of cancer when it is highly curable, as well as the detection of growths, or polyps, that could become pre-cancer.

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cancer killer in the U.S., and 90% of colorectal cancer deaths are preventable.

EDDC now offers "Open Access Colorectal Cancer Screening" to healthy patients. For your convenience, a separate consultation visit at the physician's office is no longer required, saving you time, effort and money. In addition, we will schedule your colonoscopy at the date and time that best fits your schedule.

Open Access Colorectal Cancer Screening is for asymptomatic patients between 50 and 70 years old, who are in generally good health (as defined below), who have not been previously screened, or who were screened more than 10 years ago. Any patient who wishes to meet with the physician prior to the date of the procedure is encouraged to make a brief (15-20 minutes) appointment, but those patients who do not feel it is necessary may call DDC and schedule a screening procedure directly at 713-704-5030.

Eligible patients should meet the following criteria:

- Age 50-70 (age 40-49 IF they have a first-degree relative with colon cancer at age 50 or younger)
- No previous problems with moderate sedation or anesthesia
- No anticoagulant/antiplatelet drugs (coumadin, plavix, etc.). Aspirin (even 81 mg) and ginkgo biloba should be stopped one week prior to the procedure to reduce the risk of bleeding. No valvular heart disease, including mitral valve prolapse (with murmur).
- No disease of the cardiovascular, pulmonary, hepatic, or renal systems requiring active medical treatment. No uncontrolled endocrine (e.g. diabetes) or psychiatric disease (includes active alcohol abuse).
- No chronic use of narcotics, benzodiazepines, or other sedatives.
- No gastrointestinal symptoms (a formal consultation in the physician's office is indicated in patients with symptoms, although colonoscopy may eventually be part of the evaluation).

If you are not eligible for open access we will schedule a clinic visit for your prior to having your colonoscopy procedure scheduled.

Please give us your:

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Daytime Phone number _____

Insurance name _____ Insurance ID _____

Group # _____

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