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## PREVENT COLON CANCER

THROUGHOUT YOUR LIFE



START

WE ALL HAVE A COLON!
FOLLOW THIS PATH TO
PREVENT COLON
CANCER!



**GET MOVING!** 

REGULAR EXERCISE REDUCES YOUR RISK!



MAINTAIN A
HEALTHY
WEIGHT.

OBESITY INCREASES YOUR RISK.



**KNOW YOUR FAMILY HISTORY** 

A family history of colon cancer or

polyps increases your risk and means

REMEMBER: It's great to start early, but it's never too late to make healthy changes!

LIMIT RED AND PROCESSED MEATS AND



EAT PLENTY
OF FRUITS AND
VEGETABLES





DON'T USE ANY
TOBACCO
PRODUCTS!



Based on your family history, you might be a good candidate for genetic testing. Talk to your doctor.

## **KNOW THE SYMPTOMS**



Bloody stoolsAbdominal pain

UnexplainedConstipation/ weight lossdiarrhea



HAVING SYMPTOMS? SEE YOUR DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY!

Inflammatory Bowel
Disease like Crohn's or
Colitis increase your
risk. You will need
earlier screening!

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BY 35, ASK YOUR DOCTOR WHAT AGE YOU NEED SCREENING AND DISCUSS OPTIONS.

GO

If you have a family history, you should be screened by 40 or 10 years before your family member's diagnosis.

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BY THE END OF YOUR 45TH YEAR, YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN SCREENED.



## REMEMBER

Whether your doctor finds polyps or not, follow through with your surveillance and screening schedule!

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