



Screening for Colorectal Cancer: Don't wait – 50s great  
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- Colorectal cancer is a preventable disease, yet it is the #2 cancer killer of both men and women in the U.S.
- Screening for colorectal cancer is recommended beginning at age 50.
- Alarmingly, only 1 in 2 adults gets a screening test in their early 50s.
- There are six different screening tests – some that can be done either at home or in a clinic.
- These tests prevent or detect cancer early and save lives.
- What can healthcare providers and everyone do to increase colorectal cancer screening?
- Find answers at [www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns](http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns)