COLON CANCER

OVER 90% of colon cancers are found in people aged 50 and over.

1 MILLION SURVIVORS

There are about 1 million survivors of colon cancer in the U.S.

60 YEAR OLD

Average has a 1 in 4 chance of having a polyp (growth) found during a colonoscopy.

4 BAD EXCUSES Not to Get Your Colonoscopy

1. Getting a coloscopy hurts!

2. Getting a colonoscopy is EMBARRASSING!

3. I'd rather NOT KNOW!

4. The prep tastes AWFUL!

NO, IT DOESN'T!

The colon doesn't have nerve endings and the medication makes you sleep through it. You can't die from embarrassment, but you can from colon cancer, and it's preventable.

This test can actually prevent cancers or find it early when it's easier to treat.

BAD EXCUSES:

Getting a colonoscopy HURTS!

No, it's okay! The Baystate Health team has the experience, and you will be sedated and sleep through most to all of it.

Getting a colonoscopy is EMBARRASSING!

You can't die from embarrassment, and you use laxatives to help you go deep to remove polyps.

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It's not that bad, and the newest preps are easier to take. Try the ice cold prep tip!

RISK FACTORS

AGE | LIFESTYLE | FAMILY HISTORY | INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASES