

“I Didn’t Know It Was The 2nd Leading Cancer Killer...”

Colorectal cancer (cancer of the colon or rectum) is the second-leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the U.S. In 1999, nearly 56,600 people will die because of it, and yet many colorectal cancer deaths could be prevented.

The risk of colorectal cancer increases with age, especially after 50. If you’re 50 or older and have never been screened, talk with your doctor about the screening options that are right for you.



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Talking With Helen Was Good For My Health.

She shared why she got a screening test for colorectal cancer.

When Helen talked to me about colorectal cancer, I listened—and learned. Her doctor said that colorectal cancer is the second-leading cancer killer. And that the risk increases as you age. Everyone 50 and older should get screening tests. So that’s exactly what I’m doing. Thanks to Helen!

Screening tests can save lives. Talk to your doctor about your screening options.



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