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March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Have you been screened?

Even in the best economic environment, only half of the people who need colorectal cancer screening receive the life-saving test. Those without health insurance or with limited coverage that does not include colorectal cancer screenings are even less likely to be screened. Due to the worsening economy, many people are losing health insurance or are faced with higher premiums and are forgoing preventive screening, including for colorectal cancer.

“The mortality rate of colorectal cancer continues to decline but remains the third leading cause of cancer death in the U.S.,” said Robert S. Sandler, MD, MPH, AGAF, president of the AGA Institute. “Colon cancer death is largely preventable through screening, which can detect disease in an early, curable stage. Screening with colonoscopy can also prevent cancers by removing precancerous polyps. Unfortunately, most people at risk are never screened. We need to reverse that trend.”

We believe that everyone should have access to affordable lifesaving colorectal cancer screenings, even in these challenging economic times.

Average risk individuals should begin colorectal cancer screening at age 50.
Individuals with a family history of colon cancer or other related cancers may need to begin screening at age 40 or even earlier.

Call our office, **(718) 972-8500**, to schedule a consultation, and help you choose which screening options are best for you. **Colon Cancer is Preventable, Treatable, and Beatable!**

Click on the links below to learn more about Colorectal Cancer, Prevention, and Treatment.

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- [Colorectal Cancer Prevention and Treatment](#)
- [Preparing for a Colonoscopy](#)

ACG Patient Information

- [Colon Cancer](#)

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