

# A TEST WOULD HAVE FOUND MY COLON CANCER SOONER

Make time for cancer screening. Colon cancer starts as a growth (polyp) in the large intestine (colon) or rectum. Screening tests find polyps so they can be removed before they turn into cancer. Tests can also find cancer in the early stages when it is easier to treat.

- Screening is recommended for everybody aged 50 and over.
- You don't have to have a family history of colon cancer to be at risk.
- The risk of colon cancer increases as we get older.
- Colon cancer often has no symptoms.
- Many insurance plans cover colon cancer screening.

  
Idaho Resident

"I didn't have a screening test until after I had colon cancer symptoms. By that time I needed radiation, chemotherapy and surgery. I wish someone had convinced me to get a colon cancer screening test five years earlier."

**Take the test.  
Save your life.**

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