WHAT IS COLORECTAL CANCER?

Colorectal cancer, or CRC, is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer in both men and women in the United States, and the second leading overall cause of cancer deaths.

CRC incidence is:
- 35%-40% more common in men than women
- 20% higher among African Americans than whites

"Finding cancer early, when it's small and hasn't spread, often allows for more treatment options."

More than 140,000 Americans are diagnosed every year. That's about 16 PEOPLE EVERY HOUR.

Colorectal cancer starts in the colon or the rectum. These cancers can also be called colon cancer or rectal cancer, depending on where they start. Colon cancer and rectal cancer are often grouped together because they have many features in common.

More than 9 out of 10 individuals diagnosed with early stage CRC that has not spread (metastasized) beyond the colon or rectum SURVIVE 5 YEARS (4) and may live much longer.

Screening Tests
Because the early stages of the disease do not typically cause symptoms, the American Cancer Society recommends that people at average risk of colorectal cancer START REGULAR SCREENING AT AGE 45.

References:
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