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Get Screened With CT Colonography

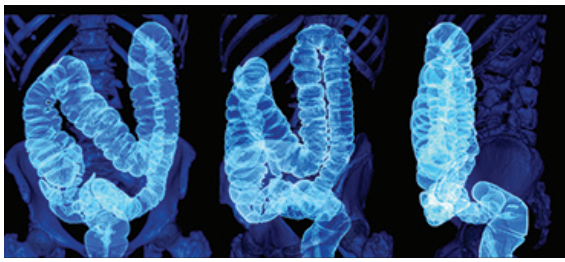
CT colonography is a safe, effective and minimally invasive exam used to screen people for colorectal cancer.

What is CT colonography?

CT colonography (CTC), also called virtual colonoscopy, uses low-dose CT imaging to look inside the large intestine for polyps and cancer. CTC can detect precancerous polyps before they become cancerous.

The exam is performed at an imaging center. A radiologist reviews the images and sends a report to the doctor who ordered the test.

Why patients may consider CTC:



- It screens for polyps and cancers in the large intestine.
- It does not require sedation or pain medicine, so there is no recovery period.
- It may be an option when a standard colonoscopy cannot be completed or may pose added risk.
- It can show findings outside the colon that may need attention.

If you are 45 or older and at average risk for colorectal cancer, CT colonography every 5 years is a recommended screening option endorsed by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force.

Know Before You Go:

- Bowel preparation is needed. Your imaging center will provide instructions.
- The CTC exam usually takes about 20 minutes.
- If CTC finds a clinically significant polyp, a standard colonoscopy may be needed to remove it.
- Most insurance plans and Medicare cover CTC screening with no copay.

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