



## Questions to ask your doctor about colon cancer screening

1. I just turned 50 years old. Should I be tested for colorectal polyps or colorectal cancer?  
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2. I don't have any family history of colorectal cancer or of colorectal polyps. Should I still be tested? \_\_\_\_\_
3. My medical history and/or family history puts me at an increased risk for colorectal cancer. Should I be tested at a younger age and more often? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. I understand there are a number of screening tests available. Would you tell me about each of these tests and the risks and benefits associated with each of them? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. I don't know which screening test is appropriate for me now. Which test do you recommend and why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Will you perform the test? If not, who will? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. How should I prepare for the test? Should I change my diet or medications? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Will I be awake or asleep during the test? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What will happen during the test? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. Will the test hurt? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Should I have someone with me on the day of the test? \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. When and how will I learn the results of the test? \_\_\_\_\_  
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13. What kind of follow-up care will I need if the tests show a problem? \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. If the tests show nothing wrong, when should I be tested again? \_\_\_\_\_  
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15. What is the cost of these tests? Will my insurance cover the cost? \_\_\_\_\_  
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