

Long Island Digestive Endoscopy Center/ Long Island Digestive Disease Consultants Community Outreach Program

The doctors of the Long Island Digestive Endoscopy Center/Long Island Digestive Disease Consultants have joined together to reach out to you and the entire community in an effort to educate residents on the need for colorectal cancer screening. The goal of our educational campaign is to reduce the number of deaths from colorectal cancer by making colonoscopy cancer screening as widely available as possible. We are distributing brochures, flyers, posters and attending meetings with community groups to carry the message that we want to save lives!

We will accept patients for colorectal cancer screening who have private health insurance, Affordable Care Act Insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, or no insurance.

IMPORTANT:

Those who are uninsured and do not have the ability to pay will be screened with a colonoscopy free of charge.

The National Institutes of Health indicates that the death rate from colorectal cancer could be reduced by more than 80% if people over 50 or with a family history of colorectal cancer were screened.

The doctors of the Long Island Digestive Endoscopy Center/Long Island Digestive Disease Consultants are dedicated to saving lives. If you fit the patient profile, reach out to Long Island Digestive Disease Consultants today! ***It may save your life!***

To make an appointment, call (631) 751-8700.
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The physicians and medical staff of the Long Island Digestive Endoscopy Center/ Long Island Digestive Disease Consultants stand ready to serve you:

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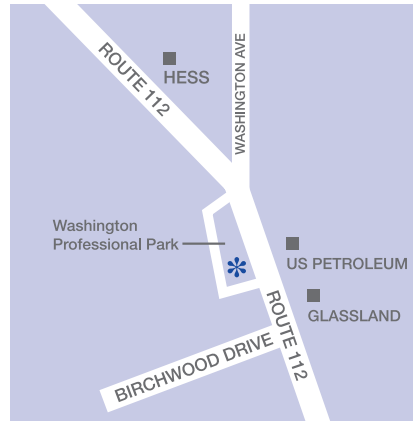
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*Information from the American Cancer Society;
Colon Cancer Alliance, National Cancer Institute*



Just the Facts
About
Colon Cancer

FACT Colorectal cancer screening could save your life!

FACT Our doctors offer free screening to patients without insurance who are unable to pay.

Learn More

FROM THE PHYSICIANS OF THE

**Long Island Digestive Endoscopy Center/
Long Island Digestive Disease Consultants**

THROUGH OUR

Community Outreach Program

Just the Facts About Colon Cancer Screening!

FACT: "On average, Americans have a 1-in-20 risk of developing colorectal cancer."

National Institutes of Health

FACT: "Men and women over 50 or those with a family history of colorectal cancer should be screened."

American Cancer Society

FACT: "No one should be denied cancer screening because they do not have health insurance!"

The Physicians of Long Island Digestive Disease Consultants

FACT: "For colorectal cancer, death rates increase with age. Colon and rectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States."

National Cancer Institute

FACT: "Your life could be at risk because **you** have not had a colonoscopy for colon cancer screening."

The Physicians of Long Island Digestive Disease Consultants

FACT: "The Doctors of the Long Island Digestive Endoscopy Center/ Long Island Digestive Disease Consultants stand ready to help provide colon cancer screening to all patients who have private health insurance, Affordable Care Act Insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, or **no insurance and do not have the ability to pay.**"

The Physicians of Long Island Digestive Disease Consultants



Colorectal Cancer – What is it?

Colorectal cancer is a disease in which abnormal cells in the colon or rectum divide uncontrollably, ultimately forming a malignant tumor. The colon is the large intestine and the rectum is the passageway that connects the colon to the anus. Most colon cancers develop first as polyps, which are abnormal growths inside the colon or rectum that could later become cancerous.

Colorectal Cancer – What are the symptoms?

Symptoms of colorectal cancer are numerous and nonspecific. They include: weakness, shortness of breath, change in bowel habits, narrow stools, diarrhea or constipation, red or dark blood in stool, weight loss, abdominal pain, cramps, or bloating. Other conditions such as irritable bowel syndrome (spastic colon), ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, diverticulosis, and peptic ulcer disease can have symptoms that mimic colorectal cancer. Screening is vitally important since colorectal polyps, that could later become cancerous, generally do not cause any symptoms.

Colorectal Cancer – Who does it impact?

Colon cancer is the third most common form of cancer in the United States, and the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths. Colorectal cancer affects women and men of all ethnic and racial groups, and is most often found in people 50 years or older. On average, Americans have a 1-in-20 risk of developing colorectal cancer, but that risk can be increased by other factors. It is estimated that this year, more than 50,000 people will die of colon cancer. If everyone 50 years or older had regular screening, more than 80% of deaths from colon cancer could be prevented.

Colorectal Cancer – Why should I be screened?

This is an important question to ask. Colorectal cancer is **highly preventable**; screening can save your life. Screening with a colonoscopy can detect precancerous polyps and allows them to be removed **before they become cancerous**. Colonoscopy can also find colon cancer at an early stage, and treatment of early stage colon cancer often leads to a cure.

Colonoscopy – What is it?

Colonoscopy is the most comprehensive test for detection of colon polyps or cancer. A colonoscope is inserted through the rectum into the colon and examines the entire length of the colon and rectum. There is a video camera at the end of the colonoscope connected to a display monitor so the doctor can see and examine the inside of the colon. Special instruments can be passed through the colonoscope to biopsy any suspicious-looking areas or remove polyps.

Long Island Digestive Endoscopy Center – Why choose us?

The physicians of **Long Island Digestive Disease Consultants** have performed thousands of colonoscopies at the **Long Island Digestive Endoscopy Center**, a state-of-the-art facility, staffed by our highly-trained and dedicated doctors, nurses and medical technicians. Throughout Long Island, patients are selecting the more relaxed and less hectic environment of the Long Island Digestive Endoscopy Center. The Center's caring and highly skilled medical staff offers an optimal cancer screening venue in a new and ultra-modern medical building, conveniently located with easy parking.

