

Your physician has recommended that you obtain a screening colonoscopy.



A colonoscopy is considered the “Gold Standard” screening test. Routine colon screening tests and the removal of benign (non-cancerous) masses can decrease your lifetime risk of developing colon cancer by 80 percent, according to the American Cancer Society.

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AHC opened its Screening Colonoscopy Clinic in April of 2004. This clinic is for people who are NOT having symptoms, but have risk factors for developing colon cancer.

Criteria for Screening Colonoscopy:

If you

- Are between the ages of 50 to 75.
- Have a personal history of polyps or colon cancer.
- Have a family member who was diagnosed with polyps or colon cancer, you should begin screening 10 years prior to the age that they were at time of diagnosis (e.g., father at age 48 then you start screening at age 38).

Your referral will be faxed from your primary care physician to us at the screening colonoscopy clinic.

We ask that you **Please Schedule** your screening colonoscopy **by calling the Clinic Scheduler at 540-332-5526**

Scheduling hours are Tuesday - Friday 8:30AM - 5:00PM