Colorectal cancer
Convincing evidence to say yes to a test

5 FAST FACTS ON SCREENING

If everyone 50 AND OLDER were regularly screened, 60 to 70 percent of colorectal cancer deaths might be avoided.

African Americans develop and die from colorectal cancer at higher rates than any other racial or ethnic group in the U.S. So screening is especially important for them.

A hidden threat: You may not have symptoms of colorectal cancer until the disease is advanced — and more deadly.

Only about HALF OF ALL AMERICANS get the colorectal screening they need.

Colorectal cancer is one of only two cancers that can be prevented by screening. Cervical cancer is the other one.

Sources: American Cancer Society, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Cancer Institute