

## **Get Screened For Life!**

### **Colon Cancer Is Treatable And Beatable.**

Providence Gastroenterology encourages you to schedule a colonoscopy screening if - you are over the age of 50, have any symptoms or a family history of cancer. The 30-minute procedure is pain free and the best way to screen for colon cancer.

#### **Colon Cancer Screening Can Save Your Life**

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among adults in the U.S., with more than 140,000 adults diagnosed with colorectal cancer each year. Screening for colorectal cancer can help detect the disease at an early stage, when treatment is most likely to be successful. It's estimated that 70% of all colon cancer cases could be prevented with early detection.



#### **Over 50 – Get Screened**

Colon cancer, in particular, is a cancer found predominantly in men and women over the age of 50. The American Cancer Society, the National Cancer Institute and the American College of Gastroenterology endorse screening for colorectal cancer beginning at age 50. There is strong evidence that appropriate screening significantly reduces the risk of colon and rectal cancer.

#### **Direct Access Colonoscopy**

Direct access allows a patient's physician to schedule procedures by calling the scheduling department directly without a lengthy referral process. Some patients may be allowed to schedule a screening colonoscopy without a primary physician referral, based on insurance and medical history and at the discretion of your Physician at Providence Gastroenterology.

#### **Simple Screenings Can Save Lives**

Providence Gastroenterology Physicians has created a patient information sheet with the most up-to-date information on colon cancer and how to detect and successfully treat the disease. A colonoscopy, done by a gastroenterologist, is considered the 'gold standard' for colon cancer screening for a number of reasons. It not only allows doctors to closely evaluate the colon and also remove any polyps that are detected at the same time as the screening.