

# Facts About COLON CANCER SCREENING



COLON CANCER IS THE

**2<sup>nd</sup>** leading cause of cancer deaths among U.S. adults

Each year in upstate New York

**2,300 PEOPLE**

ARE DIAGNOSED WITH COLON CANCER



**49%**  
Women



**51%**  
Men



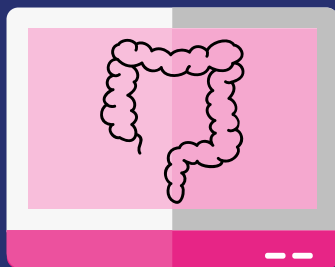
**800 DEATHS**  
in upstate N.Y.  
caused by  
colon cancer

**1 in 20 PEOPLE**

develops colon cancer in his/her lifetime

## COLON CANCER

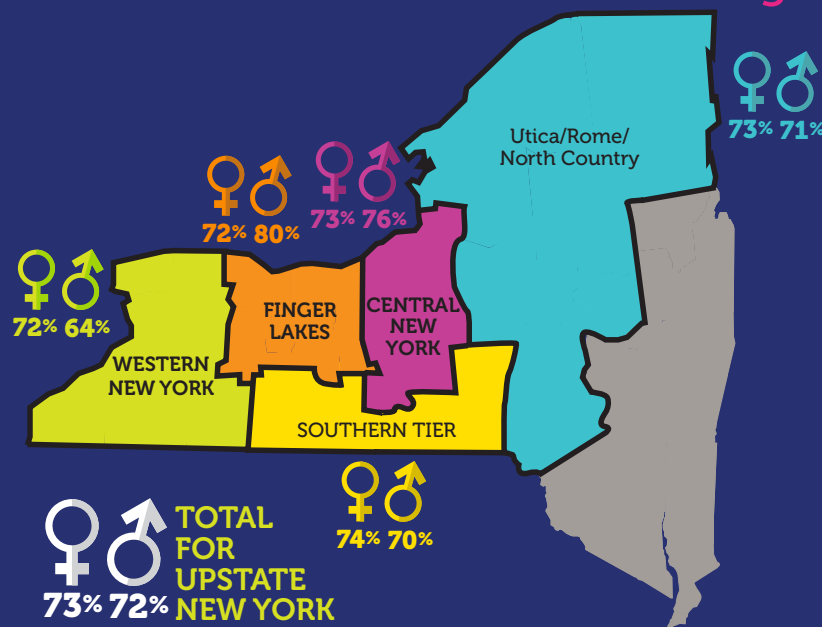
can often be PREVENTED through REGULAR SCREENINGS



Screening is **RECOMMENDED FOR adults ages 50-75**

**IF** you have risk factors (inflammatory bowel disease, family history of colon cancer, history of polyps) **YOU MAY NEED TO BE SCREENED EARLIER**

**72%** of upstate New York adults ages 50-75 receive recommended screenings



COLONOSCOPY IS THE **MOST THOROUGH TEST** AND IS PROVEN TO DETECT DISEASE

Colonoscopy is recommended every

**10 YEARS** IF NO POLYPS ARE FOUND

Several other screening tests may be recommended or available to you



ASK YOUR DOCTOR

Screening tests are COVERED HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS



Get screened. It could save **YOUR LIFE.**

To learn more about screening and which test may be best for you, visit the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force website at <http://tinyurl.com/USPSTFcc>

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