



The **number one reason** Utah men and women get screened for colon cancer is because their **doctor recommended it**.

Colon cancer is the **second leading cause of cancer deaths** in Utah.

## **FREE colonoscopies are available to qualifying Utahns**

The Utah Cancer Control Program (UCCP) is offering a limited number of free colonoscopies to Utah residents who cannot afford the screening test.

### **Patient Referral**

**To refer a patient for a free colonoscopy, the Primary Care Provider should:**

1. Call UCCP to sign up as a referring provider (1-800-717-1811)
2. Sign and return the provider agreement

**After the agreement is signed, the following steps need to be completed for each patient.**

3. Submit a completed enrollment form for the patient
4. After the enrollment form is received, the UCCP clinical coordinator can set up a free colonoscopy appointment with the patient
5. Provider is responsible for follow-up with patient after colonoscopy

Patients cannot refer themselves for a free colonoscopy. Only Primary Care Providers can refer patients to the program.

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## Patient Qualifications

- Ages 50-64
- Meet income guidelines
- Inadequate or no health insurance
- Legal U.S. and current Utah resident
- Average risk for colon cancer
  - » No personal or family history of colorectal cancer or adenomas
  - » No history of inflammatory bowel disease (ulcerative colitis or Crohn's Disease)
  - » No history of genetic colon cancer or polyp syndromes
- Must present without symptoms

The patient is defined as symptomatic if the following symptoms persist longer than 3 months and are not well explained by another disease.

- » blood in stool or rectal bleeding
- » change in bowel habits
- » abdominal pain
- » weight loss
- » fatigue

## Colon Cancer Treatment

UCCP has partnered with treatment facilities willing to provide free or low-cost treatment to patients diagnosed with colon cancer through the program. UCCP's clinical coordinator will provide case management to help program patients access treatment.

### Questions

**1-800-717-1811**

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