

Questions to ask your doctor

When you meet with your physician to discuss colon cancer screening, it may help to have a list of questions to help guide the discussion. The following are some suggestions to help you get started.

Which test do you recommend?

What preparation is necessary?

How sensitive is the test?

How often is there a false positive test?

What are the risks involved?

Does the test help prevent colon cancer by finding precancerous polyps, or is it primarily a test that will detect early cancer?

How much does the test cost?

Will my insurance cover any of the cost?

How long will the test take and how long will it take to get results?

In what instances will additional testing be necessary?