## COLON CANCER: Age is not a factor.

# **1 IN 5** COLON CANCER PATIENTS ARE DIAGNOSED UNDER 54.

#### JENNA DETKO

colon cancer survivor Diagnosed at 31



### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Know your risk factors. A family history of colon cancer or polyps and some medical conditions including Crohn's, colitis, or inflammatory bowel disease means you should be screened before 45.

**Be an advocate for your health.** Pay attention to changes in your body and any symptoms you experience. Talk to your doctor. Seek a second opinion if needed.

### Colorectal cancer symptoms include:



Blood in your stool



- Change in bathroom habits
- **z Z** Fatigue
  - Anemia



Unexplained weight loss



Persistent cramps or low back pain



Feeling bloated

**Reduce your risk.** Maintain a healthy body weight. Get regular physical activity. Limit alcohol consumption. Reduce your intake of red and processed meats. Don't smoke.

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