# **Early diagnosis** is key to surviving colon cancer.



Greg, stage II, 3+ year survivor Anna, stage I, 5+ year survivor

### **SCREENING BEGINS AT 45**

## Get screened for colon cancer if you are 45 and older, or if you are younger and:

- Are experiencing symptoms
- Have chronic gastrointestinal issues, Crohns + IBD
- Have a family history of polyps, colon cancer, or a genetic condition, like Lynch syndrome

#### There are several ways to screen for colon cancer. Talk to your doctor about when to start screening and find the best test for you.

- Colonoscopy
- Virtual colonoscopy
- Sigmoidoscopy
- Take home stool testing (DNA, FOBT, FIT)
- Blood test

Colorectal cancer **survival rate is over 90%** when diagnosed in early stages.



### **SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS:**

- Blood in your stool
- Change in bathroom habits
- Fatigue
- Anemia
- Unexplained weight loss
- Persistent cramps or low back pain
- Feeling bloated
- No symptoms



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