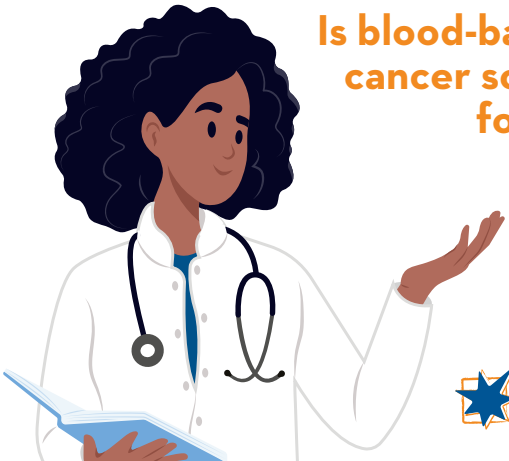
THE BUZZ ABOUT BLOOD

Is blood-based colorectal cancer screening right for you?



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BLOOD-BASED TESTING FOR COLORECTAL CANCER

In addition to colonoscopies and stool-based tests, certain blood tests have been FDA approved for colorectal cancer (CRC) screening.

Blood-based CRC testing:

- Looks for DNA shed by cancer cells in the bloodstream
- Is most effective at detecting cancer vs. pre-cancerous polyps
- Can be performed in a doctor's office, lab, and - in some cases - a patient's home
- Should be completed every 3 years

Getting screened can save your life by finding colorectal cancer early, when it's most treatable. Ask your doctor if a blood test is right for you.

A blood-based CRC test may be right for you if:

- You are 45 years or older
- You are average-risk for CRC
- You have have declined or not completed other types of CRC screening

Important: When a patient receives a positive result from a blood test, a follow-up colonoscopy is needed to examine the inside of the colon, determine if any cancer is present, and complete the screening process.

If you are experiencing symptoms or have a family history of CRC or polyps you should be screened with a colonoscopy.

CRC Symptoms

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