

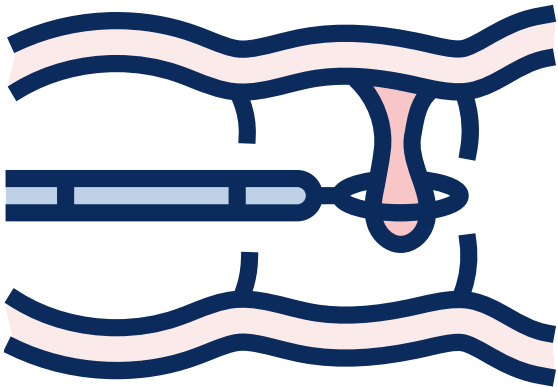
WHAT ARE COLON POLYPS ?

COLORECTAL CANCER

YOU CAN PREVENT IT



Conway Medical Center wants you to know that screening colonoscopy can find growths in your colon called polyps. These can be removed right then and there during your procedure before they turn into Colorectal Cancer.



WHY REMOVE POLYPS ?

Removing polyps during your colonoscopy **reduces** the **risk of Colorectal Cancer** and can **save your life**. Colonoscopy is the **ONLY** preventative colorectal screening.

ABOUT POLYPS

- A polyp is a small clump of cells on the lining of the colon. Most colon polyps are harmless. Some colon polyps can develop into colorectal cancer, often fatal when found in its later stages.
- Not all polyps turn into cancer, but all cancers start as polyps.
- Because colon polyps do not usually cause symptoms, it is important to have regular colorectal screenings such as colonoscopy.
- Remember: screening by colonoscopy with polyp removal prevents Colorectal Cancer before it can start.

AGE 45

is the recommended age to start screening for colorectal cancer among all average risk adults according to the American College of Gastroenterology.

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