



## New York State Colorectal Cancer Screening Program

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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### Purpose

To increase the availability of colorectal and prostate cancer education and routine colorectal screening

### Target Population

Underserved and uninsured populations age 50 and older

### Goals

- To increase the prevention and early detection of colorectal cancer
- To help reduce mortality due to colorectal cancer
- To raise public awareness about colorectal cancer prevention<sup>64</sup>

### Years in Operation

1997 – present

### Structure and Operations

The program is currently the largest of its kind in United States. Screening kits are distributed to eligible individuals through local partnerships involving county health departments, American Cancer Society chapters, hospitals, physicians, health care clinics, and individual health care workers. To date, there are 30 community-based partnerships involving 43 counties that provide colorectal cancer screening and education related to screening and treatment, each partnering with its local Cancer Services Program. The multitude of partnerships allows the program to reach the target population.

Individuals who receive a positive test through the screening kit receive a complete colon exam, including a colonoscopy. Since program implementation, more than 44,000 tests have been completed, and more than 1,800 individuals have had positive results requiring follow-up. In 2003, the program was expanded to allow screening colonoscopies for program participants at elevated risk for colorectal cancer based on the American Cancer Society guidelines.<sup>65</sup>

### Funding

The Colorectal Cancer Screening Program is funded by the State of New York.<sup>66</sup>

### For More Information

Additional information is available online:

[http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/cancer/center/cancer\\_services.htm](http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/cancer/center/cancer_services.htm)