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COLISEUM CANCER CENTER
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COLORECTAL HEALTH CENTER



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we all look for ways to simplify.**

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The Colorectal Health Center located at the Coliseum Medical Centers is an invaluable way to save time, improve your health and increase your peace of mind.

The Coliseum Colorectal Health Center offers a full array of colorectal health services to you and your personal physician through one centralized service.

Whether you need answers to colorectal health questions or your physician would like the consultation services of a multidisciplinary physician panel to review cases and discuss treatment options – we can help you meet your health needs.



TREATMENT
OPTIONS

LATEST
TECHNOLOGY

EXPERT
PHYSICIANS



The Coliseum Cancer Program is accredited by the American College of Surgeon's Commission on Cancer (ACoS CoC).

Call the Coliseum Cancer Center hotline, designed to help patients and caregivers, at 1-877-274-3910 for information, referrals, and support.

Program Benefits

Coliseum Colorectal Center offers state-of-the-art technologies combined with extensive support services to help patients in treatment for colorectal cancers. Using a multidisciplinary approach that emphasizes patient comfort and respect, Coliseum ensures that our patients receive the most up-to-date treatment and support.



What is Colorectal Cancer

Colorectal cancer occurs when cells in the colon or rectum grow and multiply uncontrollably, damaging surrounding tissue and interfering with the normal function of the colon or rectum. The cells can spread to other parts of the body. When the disease spreads, it is still called colorectal cancer.

Your best chance for surviving colorectal cancer is detecting it early. When found early, there is nearly a 90 percent chance for cure.

Symptoms

There often are no symptoms of colorectal cancer in its early stages. Most colorectal cancers begin as a polyp, a small, non-cancerous growth on the colon wall that can grow larger and become cancerous. As polyps grow, they can bleed or obstruct the intestine.

Symptoms include:

- rectal bleeding
- blood in the stool or toilet after a bowel movement
- prolonged diarrhea or constipation
- a change in the size or shape of your stool
- abdominal pain or a cramping pain in your lower stomach
- a feeling of discomfort or urge to have a bowel movement when there is no need

Having any of these symptoms does not mean that you have cancer, but if you notice one or more of them for more than two weeks, see your doctor.

PET Scan

PET Scan (Positron Emission Tomography) is a powerful imaging technique that holds great promise in the diagnosis and treatment of many diseases, particularly cancer. It is a non-invasive test that accurately images the cellular function of the human body.

When You Need Reassurance

A very important service of the Coliseum Colorectal Health Center is to provide educational and emotional support to you before, during and after treatment. You will find compassionate and knowledgeable professionals to help you with your questions and concerns.

Information for You

Our center provides information on colorectal screening guidelines and other colorectal health topics. Through personal consultation, videos, computer-aided instruction and a lending library, you can access the latest information colorectal health, treatment procedures and care options.

Information for Your Group

If your group or organization would like a speaker for a program on colorectal health, please call the Coliseum Colorectal Health Center Coordinator at (478) 765-4805 or (877) 274-3910 to discuss your needs and schedule a time.

Just One Call

The Coliseum Colorectal Health Center offers the expertise of an oncology certified nurse navigator to help the patient and family from diagnosis, through treatment and recovery. Understanding the diagnostic procedures, treatment expectations and recovery period eases the anxiety that so often comes with a new diagnosis. All you need to do is call (478) 765-4805 or (877) 274-274-3910 to put yourself in touch with sensitive, knowledgeable professionals.

