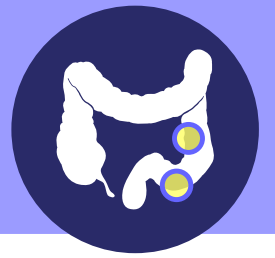


# Colorectal cancer in Canada



**Colorectal cancer** develops in the cell lining of the colon and rectum. Cells may form benign (non-cancerous) growths called polyps. Over a period of years, a series of DNA mutations can occur, leading polyps to become malignant (cancerous).

## The data <sup>1,2</sup>

It is the **3<sup>rd</sup> MOST COMMON** cancer in Canada

of cases occur in **ADULTS AGED 50+**

About **26,900** Canadians will have been diagnosed with colorectal cancer in 2020



will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in their lifetime

## Risk factors include \*



AGING



PHYSICAL INACTIVITY



SMOKING TOBACCO



ALCOHOL INTAKE



OVERWEIGHT OR OBESITY



DIET HIGH IN PROCESSED MEAT, OR RED MEAT



FAMILY HISTORY



COLORECTAL POLYPS OR INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE

\* For more information, please visit: <https://data.prevent.cancer.ca/current>

## Screening and detection <sup>2,3</sup>

**47%**

of colorectal cancer cases are diagnosed **EARLY IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT**, at **STAGE I and II**

The **PROBABILITY OF SURVIVING** colorectal cancer **AT LEAST 5 YEARS AFTER DIAGNOSIS** is about

**65%**

Screening for colorectal cancer is recommended for **AVERAGE-RISK ADULTS AGED 50 TO 74 YEARS**

The screening guidelines above are available from the Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care.

**Note:** Statistics for lifetime probability, stage and survival exclude Quebec. Stage statistics include individuals aged 18 to 79 years at diagnosis and survival statistics include individuals aged 15 to 99 years at diagnosis. Unless specified, statistics include all stages combined.

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