

## Colorectal Cancer in Assembly District 15

*Colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable and curable*, yet thousands of Californians are suffering and dying from this disease.

This is completely unnecessary because *colorectal cancer screening is the most cost-effective cancer screening program* – more cost-effective than breast or prostate cancer screening. It is also far more cost-effective than colorectal cancer treatment.

Despite this, the majority of cases are diagnosed at a late stage, when the chances of survival are drastically reduced.

### Annual new cases of colorectal cancer among adults 50 years and older

	DISTRICT 15 (per 100,000)	CALIFORNIA (per 100,000)
Population Average	169.7	157.3
Men	203.3	187.7
Women	144.5	134.2
Non-Hispanic White	176.8	174.5
Black	93.0	207.4
Hispanic	152.6	137.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	162.1	148.5

### Late-Stage Diagnoses

	DISTRICT 15	AVERAGE
Percent diagnosed at Late Stage	53.7%	55.4%
Cases diagnosed at Late Stage	102	92

Source: California Cancer Registry; October 2007 incidence data 1998-2002; 2000 Census population at block level, age-adjusted to the 2000 US Population  
Late stage = regional or distant stage: cancer has spread beyond the colon

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