

Colorectal Cancer in Assembly District 21

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 21 (per 100,000)	CALIFORNIA (per 100,000)
Population Average	164.3	157.3
Men	193.3	187.7
Women	142.0	134.2
Non-Hispanic White	165.2	174.5
Black	195.6	207.4
Hispanic	164.1	137.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	177.1	148.5

Late-Stage Diagnoses

	DISTRICT 21	AVERAGE
Percent diagnosed at Late Stage	55.1%	55.4%
Cases diagnosed at Late Stage	111	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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