

## Colorectal Cancer in Assembly District 23

*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 23<br>(per 100,000) | CALIFORNIA<br>(per 100,000) |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Population Average     | 125.1                        | 157.3                       |
| Men                    | 137.6                        | 187.7                       |
| Women                  | 112.4                        | 134.2                       |
| Non-Hispanic White     | 200.1                        | 174.5                       |
| Black                  | 194.4                        | 207.4                       |
| Hispanic               | 118.2                        | 137.5                       |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 96.2                         | 148.5                       |

### Late-Stage Diagnoses

|                                 | DISTRICT 23 | AVERAGE |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| Percent diagnosed at Late Stage | 57.1%       | 55.4%   |
| Cases diagnosed at Late Stage   | 59          | 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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