

Colorectal Cancer in Assembly District 29

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 29 (per 100,000)	CALIFORNIA (per 100,000)
Population Average	166.3	157.3
Men	190.4	187.7
Women	147.8	134.2
Non-Hispanic White	180.8	174.5
Black	247.6	207.4
Hispanic	165.1	137.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	118.4	148.5

Late-Stage Diagnoses

	DISTRICT 29	AVERAGE
Percent diagnosed at Late Stage	60.3%	55.4%
Cases diagnosed at Late Stage	109	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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