

Colorectal Cancer in Assembly District 9

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 9 (per 100,000) | CALIFORNIA (per 100,000) |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Population Average | 155.0 | 157.3 |
| Men | 170.6 | 187.7 |
| Women | 144.1 | 134.2 |
| Non-Hispanic White | 180.2 | 174.5 |
| Black | 193.9 | 207.4 |
| Hispanic | 145.4 | 137.5 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 121.8 | 148.5 |

Late-Stage Diagnoses

| | DISTRICT 9 | AVERAGE |
|---------------------------------|------------|---------|
| Percent diagnosed at Late Stage | 61.6% | 55.4% |
| Cases diagnosed at Late Stage | 104 | 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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