

Annual Deaths from Colorectal Cancer in Assembly District 39

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Each year thousands of Californians die from colorectal cancer – a disease that is **preventable, treatable and curable**. In Assembly District 39, an average of 35 citizens die unnecessarily each year.

Screening saves lives, and should start at age 50 for those with no family history of the disease. Unfortunately, not everyone knows this, and many more do not have access to screening – **the most cost-effective cancer screening program**.

Anyone can get colorectal cancer, especially those over age 50. Everyone should have access to screening, but not everyone does.

Annual deaths from colorectal cancer among adults 50 years and older (per 100,000)

	DISTRICT 39 (per 100,000)	CALIFORNIA (per 100,000)
Population Average	46.6	58.1
Men	62.2	69.8
Women	36.0	49.7
Non-Hispanic White	63.8	64.0
Black	89.3	95.3
Hispanic	50.6	50.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	44.4	47.7

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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