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is the **NEW**
50
*for colon cancer
screening!*



**Think you're too young
to get screened?**

Think again! Since colon cancer is on the rise in men and women under 50, 45 is the recommended age to begin screening for adults at average risk for colon cancer. Talk to your healthcare provider about your risk for colon cancer and when to start screening.

Coverage

Talk to your insurance company about whether they pay the cost of screening and if that could change based on what's found during the test. This can help you avoid surprise costs.

Visit our website for more information about colon cancer screening at Amberwell:



amberwellhealth.org/colon-cancer-screening

SCHEDULE YOUR COLONOSCOPY

Scan to fill out our colonoscopy
scheduling request form:



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Colon Cancer Screening

**Understand Your
Options**



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Colonoscopy vs. Stool Tests

Not all colon cancer screening options are created equal.

While at-home stool tests can detect signs of cancer, they don't prevent it or remove dangerous polyps. Colonoscopy is the only test that both detects and treats threats of colon cancer in one procedure.

FEATURES	COLONOSCOPY	STOOL TEST
Screens for colon cancer	✓	✓
Polyps removed	✓	✗
Expert examination of colon	✓	✗
Rate of detecting small, precancerous polyps	75%–93%	42%
Frequency, if normal	Every 10 years	Every 1–3 years

View references and more details at amberwellhealth.org/colon-cancer-screening

Quick Hint: Start with a Colonoscopy

Colonoscopy is the most reliable way to detect and prevent colorectal cancer.

- Enables the surgeon to examine the entire colon
- Detects and treats polyps in one procedure
- Prevents cancer by removing polyps early
- Many insurance plans cover the costs of a colonoscopy as a screening test, but call your insurer if you have a question or aren't sure about something.

Stool-Based Tests May Cost You More

- If a stool-based test is positive, then a follow-on colonoscopy is required.
- A follow-on colonoscopy is categorized as diagnostic (no longer a screening test) by many insurance plans.
- Diagnostic colonoscopies are typically not fully covered by many insurance plans and may be subject to co-pays and deductibles.



Roughly 1-in-10 stool-based tests return false-positive results, which may result in a follow-on colonoscopy.

WHY CHOOSE AMBERWELL FOR YOUR COLONOSCOPY?

At Amberwell, you'll get trusted, professional care close to home—from screening to recovery.

While some Amberwell primary care providers perform colonoscopies, most patients choose to have their colonoscopy with Dr. Roderick Warren, head of surgery at Amberwell.

Dr. Warren's streamlined process allows eligible patients to skip the in-office pre-procedure visit, saving you time and money. For added convenience, he offers Monday appointments, making it easy to prep on Sunday and miss only one day of work. Other appointment days are also available. You can schedule a colonoscopy with Dr. Warren without a referral.

Expertise in Colonoscopy

Our colonoscopy program is lead by the Amberwell surgical department chair.



Roderick Warren, MD, FACS
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A highly skilled general surgeon, Dr. Warren has extensive experience performing screening and diagnostic colonoscopies, providing patients with expert and reliable care.