



Patient Advocates Program

April 26 Webinar Teach-in



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Increasing Efforts to Prevent Colon Cancer In New York State

Date: Tuesday, April 26 2022 **Time:** 10:00 AM—11:00 AM

Speaker: Michael Davoli, Senior New York Government Relations Director, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

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Session Overview

Colon cancer is the second leading cause of deaths among all people, yet it is often preventable. The rate of colon cancer for older persons is almost double the rate for the younger adult population. This disease spreads slowly and silently. If it is detected early it is the survival rates are extremely high (91%) , but if it is not found until later stages it can be fatal. Over 3,000 people die from this disease in our state each year.

Regular screening and testing is the best way to detect and prevent colon cancer.

Unfortunately, these tests are underutilized and there are some barriers to obtaining them.

We must work together in the aging network to increase awareness among older persons and improve access to screening.

In this session you will learn about:

- The rates of colon cancer in New York State and the impact on the elderly and minority populations.
- Risk factors for colon cancer and what you can do to reduce your risk.
- What tests are available to help detect and prevent colon cancer.
- What Medicare will cover for colon cancer screening.
- How older persons and caregivers can obtain help in dealing with colon cancer through the American Cancer Society.
- Advocacy efforts underway in New York State for policy changes to increase access to prevention, screening for early detection, and reduce out of pocket costs.

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