

**Mayo Clinic Medical Edge**  
***Rectal Cancer: Improving the Odds***

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<b>Intro with music</b>	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
<b>Richard Devine, M.D.</b>	ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, RECTAL CANCER WILL BE DIAGNOSED IN ABOUT 40,000 PEOPLE THIS YEAR.  "TAKING ALL COMERS, AND THIS IS GENERAL NOW, WE PROBABLY CURE GREATER THAN 50 PERCENT OF THE PATIENTS, AND YOU CAN LOOK AS THAT'S EITHER THE GLASS IS HALF FULL OR THE GLASS IS HALF EMPTY. CERTAINLY THE PROGNOSIS DEPENDS VERY MUCH ON THE STAGE."
	MAYO CLINIC DR. RICHARD DEVINE

	<p>SAYS THE WAY TO MAKE SURE THAT GLASS IS MORE FULL THAN EMPTY IS EARLY DETECTION. CATCHING THE CANCER EARLY WHEN IT'S MOST CURABLE. SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS, LIKE BLEEDING.</p>
<b>Dr. Devine</b>	<p>“ANOTHER WOULD BE CHANGE IN BOWELS, SUCH AS PASSING MUCUS OR WATERY DIARRHEA. SOMETIMES PATIENTS WILL PRESENT WITH A PRESSURE SENSATION LIKE THEY NEED TO MOVE THEIR BOWELS.</p>
	<p>AND DON'T FORGET ABOUT FOLLOWING THE SCREENING RECOMMENDATIONS.</p>
<b>Dr. Devine</b>	<p>“AND THEN, IF THERE'S ANY CHANGE OR IF YOU'RE WORRIED, YOU HAVE ANY BLOOD THEN YOU SHOULD SEE YOUR DOCTOR TO HAVE THAT CHECKED OUT. DON'T JUST ASSUME THAT BLOOD IS FROM HEMORRHOIDS.”</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO</p>

	<p>YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>
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