

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

Rectal Cancer

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	COLON AND RECTAL CANCER ARE RELATED BY MORE THAN JUST THE LOCATION IN THE BODY WHERE THEY OCCUR.
Richard Devine, M.D.	"WE THINK THE TYPE OF CANCER—ADENOCARCINOMA—IT'S JUST A COLON CANCER THAT OCCURS IN THE RECTUM."
	THE RECTUM, EXPLAINS MAYO CLINIC DR. RICHARD DEVINE, IS DEFINED AS THE LAST FOOT OF THE COLON. WHILE MOST CANCER AFFECTS THE UPPER REGIONS OF THE COLON, DR. DEVINE SAYS ABOUT 25 PERCENT ARE IN THE RECTAL AREA. TOGETHER, COLON

	AND RECTAL CANCER ARE...
Dr. Devine	“THE SECOND MOST COMMON CAUSE OF CANCER DEATHS.”
	WHAT EXACTLY CAUSES RECTAL CANCER ISN'T KNOWN. MOST PATIENTS ARE IN THEIR SIXTIES WHEN THEY ARE DIAGNOSED. BUT OTHER THAN AGE AND FAMILY HISTORY, THERE ARE NO MAJOR RISK FACTORS. SO WHAT CAN YOU DO?”
Dr. Devine	“THE BEST YOU CAN DO IS EARLY DETECTION.”
	AND THAT MEANS FOLLOWING THE SCREENING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY. FOR MOST FOLKS, REGULAR CANCER SCREENING SHOULD BEGIN ABOUT AGE 50
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG . I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.