

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

Virtual Colonoscopy

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Log	Audio
Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
Joel Fletcher, M.D.	"I SEE CT COLONOGRAPHY AS A WAY OF EXTENDING COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING TO MORE AND MORE PEOPLE."
	CT COLONOGRAPHY IS ALSO KNOWN AS A VIRTUAL COLONOSCOPY. UNLIKE TRADITIONAL COLONOSCOPY, WHICH INVOLVES INSERTING A SCOPE INTO YOUR COLON WHILE YOU'RE UNDER SEDATION, CT COLONOGRAPHY IS QUICK.
Dr. Fletcher	"YOU CAN GET YOUR EXAM IN THE MORNING AND GO BACK TO WORK

	LATER THAT SAME MORNING.”
	MAYO CLINIC RADIOLOGIST, DR. JOEL FLETCHER SAYS THE TECHNOLOGY USES CT SCANS TO CREATE TWO AND THREE DIMENSIONAL MAPS OF THE INNER SURFACE OF THE COLON AND RECTUM.
	IF CANCER IS FOUND PATIENTS WILL THEN HAVE A TRADITIONAL COLONOSCOPY SO DOCTORS CAN TAKE A BIOPSY OR PERFORM POLYECTOMY. THAT TEST REMAINS THE STANDARD FOR PEOPLE AT HIGH RISK FOR COLON CANCER. BUT FOR PEOPLE AT AVERAGE OR LOW RISK, VIRTUAL COLONOSCOPY MAY BE AN EASIER OPTION, ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE OTHER IMPEDIMENTS TO TRADITIONAL COLONOSCOPY.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT

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