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Important updates for the provider community

## Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month



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Raising awareness for colorectal cancer is critical to saving lives. March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, but you can raise awareness year-round.

**The American Cancer Society's estimates for the number of colorectal cancers in the United States for 2024 are:**

- About 106,590 new cases of colon cancer (54,210 in men and 52,380 in women)
- About 46,220 new cases of rectal cancer (27,330 in men and 18,890 in women)

Talk with your patients about early screenings and their options. A handout you can use to teach your patients more about colorectal cancer, what symptoms to look for, and a tool that patients can use to determine the best colon cancer screening test for them can be found [here](#).

For more general information on colorectal cancer awareness from the CDC, click [here](#).

To find a gastroenterologist in the BILHPN network, click to access the [Provider Directory - BILH Performance Network \(bilhpn.org\)](#)

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