

Follow-up for Colon Cancer

Do I need Chemotherapy?



WHAT IS COLON CANCER?

Colon cancer occurs when cells lining the inside of the colon, begin to grow out of control. This can cause bleeding and/or blockage of the bowel. If these cells spread, they can destroy vital organs.

WHAT OPERATION WAS PERFORMED?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Right Colectomy• Left Colectomy• Sigmoid Resection | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rectal Resection• Colostomy• Ileostomy |
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HOW EXTENSIVE WAS MY CANCER?

Based upon x-ray studies, operative findings, and our final pathology report, your tumor was:

- Within the bowel wall.
- Through the bowel wall.
- No lymph nodes involved.
- Lymph nodes involved.
- Margins clear of cancer.
- Tumor at the margin.
- Not seen in liver or lungs.
- Found in your: liver lungs

WILL I NEED FURTHER TREATMENT?

Further treatment is recommended when tumor is found outside the bowel wall.

DO I NEED CHEMOTHERAPY?

Based upon current National Cancer Institute (NCI) Recommendations:

- Chemotherapy is not recommended.
- Chemotherapy should be considered.

(The final decision is made on an individual basis).

Call Dr. _____ at _____

_____ to arrange consult.

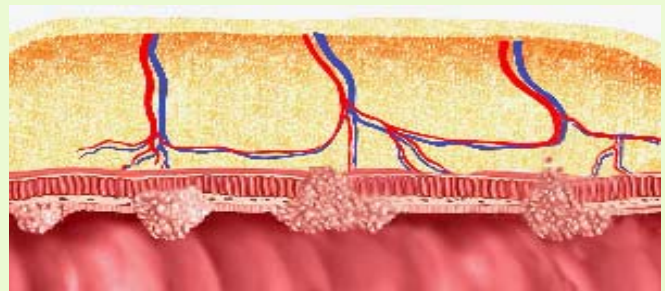
IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER MOST PEOPLE WITH COLORECTAL CANCER CAN BE CURED.

The newest chemotherapeutic agents are more effective than ever before.

IS THERE A LONG TERM FOLLOW-UP PROGRAM?

The Follow-up Program lasts for 5 years.

- Office Visits: Every 3 or 4 months for examination and blood testing.
- Colonoscopy: At year 1, and then 3 yrs.



Return for exam in ____ weeks

- Re-evaluation
- Colonoscopy
- Flexible Sigmoidoscopy
- Follow-up only if symptoms persist

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