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TREATMENT FOR COLORECTAL CANCER



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Who Treats Colorectal Cancer?

Different doctors treat colorectal cancer, including:

- Gastroenterologist treats the digestive system
- Surgical or Colorectal Surgeon removes cancer with surgery
- Radiation Oncologist uses radiation to kill cancer cells
- Medical Oncologist treats cancer with chemotherapy or other drugs

Ways to Treat Colorectal Cancer

- Treatment depends on the person and cancer stage.
- Surgery to remove the cancer
- Ablation or Embolization destroys cancer without surgery
- Radiation Therapy uses strong rays to kill cancer cells
- Chemotherapy uses medicine to shrink or kill cancer
- Targeted or Immunotherapy helps the body attack cancer cells
- Your doctor will recommend the best treatment for you

Question to Ask Your Doctor if You Have Colorectal Cancer

- Where is the cancer, and has it spread?
- What stage is it, and what does that mean for me?
- Do I need additional tests first?
- Should I talk with a genetic counselor?
- Have any genetic markers been checked to see which treatments may work best?
- Do I need to see any other specialists?
- Who can help me understand costs and insurance coverage?