

Letter: Learn what to do to prevent colon cancer

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Learn what you need to do to prevent colon cancer.

As part of our annual effort to raise awareness for colon cancer prevention, the physicians and staff at Gastroenterology Associates participated in an annual colon cancer screening day. This effort is designed to provide colonoscopies to patients who otherwise could not afford or do not have access to colon cancer prevention. Since its inception this was likely the most successful campaign that we have undertaken. Of 25 patients who underwent a screening colonoscopy, 15 patients had significant polyps removed. This means that a potential 15 colon cancers were prevented through this effort. This is part of our annual recognition of Colon Cancer Awareness Month.

The physicians and staff at Gastroenterology Associates would like to recognize our employees as well as Greenville Endoscopy Center at St. Francis, Greenville Endoscopy Center at Patewood, and Endoscopy Center of the Upstate for their participation. We would also like to recognize the St. Francis Hospital Endoscopy Suite, Palmetto Anesthesia Associates, and Upstate Pathology, P.A.. Through this collaborative effort we hope to not only raise awareness of colon cancer prevention but also to have a significant impact on this deadly disease in the Upstate of South Carolina.

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