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Epi proColon[®] 2.0 CE
is a blood test for
colorectal cancer screening.

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DETECTING CANCER IN BLOOD

Why is colorectal cancer screening important?

Worldwide, more than a half-million people die from colorectal cancer every year and yet, this is one of the most curable cancers when found early.

Getting screened for colorectal cancer is important.

Beginning at the age of 50, regular screening for colorectal cancer should be a part of your health care plan.



Does Epi proColon 2.0 CE replace a colonoscopy?

No. The Epi proColon 2.0 CE blood test provides a convenient and high quality alternative to other non-invasive screening tests (e.g., FOBT) for the first step in colorectal cancer early detection.



What are the advantages of Epi proColon 2.0 CE?

Getting screened for colorectal cancer is important. When found early, cure is more likely. If you have not been screened or are unwilling to be screened by colonoscopy or stool tests, Epi proColon 2.0 CE is an easy and convenient blood test to get. There are no medication or nutritional changes, pre-testing, bowel preparation or stool collection requirements before having your blood drawn.

How do I get tested?

Your blood can be drawn at your doctor's office or the blood collection center of a diagnostic lab. Unlike most stool-based methods, you do not have to change your diet or medicine before getting your blood drawn. You can get your blood drawn at any time.

- 1) Make an appointment with your doctor to discuss colorectal cancer screening and decide if this test is right for you.
- 2) Get your blood drawn. It might take a few days for the laboratory to send your test result.
- 3) Talk with your doctor about your test result.

-  If your test result is positive, your doctor will recommend a colonoscopy. If your test result
-  is negative, discuss your future screening plan with your doctor.

Which methods are offered for the early detection of colorectal cancer?

Screening guidelines exist in many countries. It is usually recommended that patients undergo an annual test for stool occult blood or a screening colonoscopy.

Colonoscopy and stool tests are proven to be effective in the fight against colorectal cancer. Because these methods are perceived as unpleasant, the Epi proColon 2.0 CE blood test provides a simple and acceptable alternative to consider for colorectal cancer screening.

What is the Epi proColon 2.0 CE test?

Epi proColon 2.0 CE is a routine and convenient blood test that can be performed as a first step in the early detection of colorectal cancer. The test detects altered *SEPT9* DNA that is associated with colorectal cancer. There are no dietary or medication changes required before you get your blood drawn for this test. Your doctor will take a sample of your blood and send it to a diagnostic laboratory for analysis. After about a week, your doctor will receive your test result and discuss it with you.

How does Epi proColon 2.0 CE work?

Even in early cancer stages, colorectal tumors release a specific type of DNA called *SEPT9* into the bloodstream. *SEPT9* is altered in colorectal cancer tumor cells more often than in normal cells. The altered DNA can be detected in a blood sample by the Epi proColon 2.0 CE test. Altered *SEPT9* DNA is often found in blood samples from people with colorectal cancer.



If I tested negative, can I be confident that I do not have colorectal cancer?

If your test result is negative, it means that altered *SEPT9* DNA was not found in your blood sample. Studies have shown a 99,9% probability that a person with a negative result does not have colorectal cancer. However, false negative results are possible and that is why you should continue to get screened for colorectal cancer on a regular basis.

If I tested positive for *SEPT9*, does that mean I have colorectal cancer?

If altered *SEPT9* DNA is detected in your blood sample, it means there is an increased chance of having colorectal cancer but it does not mean you have cancer. However, false-positive results are possible and that is why your doctor will recommend that you undergo a colonoscopy to find out if you have colorectal cancer.



Find Out More

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