

Cancer screening saves lives.

Screening Recommendations

These recommendations are for people at average risk for certain cancers. Talk to a doctor about which tests you might need and the screening schedule that's right for you. It's a good idea to also talk about risk factors, such as lifestyle behaviors and family history that may put you or your loved one at higher risk.

Age 25-39

- **Cervical cancer screening** recommended for people with a cervix beginning at age 25.

Age 40-49

- **Breast cancer screening** recommended beginning at age 45, with the option to begin at age 40.
- **Cervical cancer screening** recommended for people with a cervix.
- **Colorectal cancer screening** recommended for everyone beginning at age 45.
- At age 45, African-Americans should discuss **prostate cancer screening** with a doctor.

Age 50+

- **Breast cancer screening** recommended.
- **Cervical cancer screening** recommended.
- **Colorectal cancer screening** recommended.
- People who currently smoke or formerly smoked should discuss **lung cancer screening** with a doctor.
- Discussing **prostate cancer screening** with a doctor recommended.

Questions to Ask a Doctor

- What cancer screening tests are recommended for someone my age?
- How often should I get the screening tests?
- Where can I go to get screened?
- How do I schedule my screening tests?
- Will my screening tests (or other costs) be covered by my health insurance?
- What will the screening tests cost if they are not covered by insurance?

Cancer Screening Conversation Starters

- I care about you and your health. Are you getting regular cancer screening tests?
- Did you know there are tests that can catch changes in your body before they become cancer?
- My breast/colorectal/cervical cancer screening is coming up. Have you scheduled yours yet?
- Regular cancer screening is important. Is there anything I can do to help you get screened, like get information, schedule an appointment, or help with childcare or transportation?

Questions about Screening?

Visit cancer.org/get-screened for cancer screening FAQs, including information about how to schedule a screening test, how to afford screening with or without insurance, and more.