

Take a Tour of our Inflatable Colon!



The Tribal Health Program is dedicated to improving access to high-quality colorectal cancer screening, surveillance and diagnostic services for men and women.

Thank you for touring Kiki the Inflatable Colon!

Call the Tribal Clinic to find out if you may be eligible for colorectal cancer screening.



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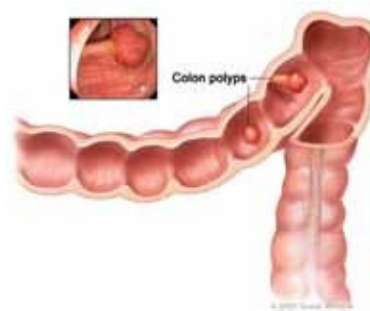
WE WELCOME YOU TO THIS LARGER-THAN-LIFESIZE INFLATABLE COLON

Please walk through to learn about colon health.

Stop 1 *Normal Colon Tissue*

Stop 2 *Polyp*

A polyp is a benign (non-cancerous) fleshy growth in the lining of the colon. Polyps are very common in people over age 45. Over 10-15 years, a small number of polyps may turn into colon cancer. Finding polyps through screening and removing them may prevent colon cancer.



Stop 3 *Advanced Polyp*

An advanced polyp is one that has gone through changes that make it more likely to turn into colon cancer. Polyps can be found and removed during screening. Finding polyps through screening and removing them can prevent colon cancer.

Stop 4 *Colon Cancer*

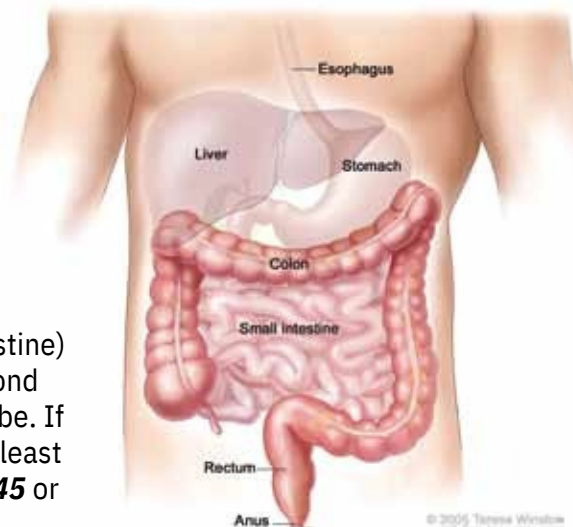
Colon cancer is malignant (cancerous) growth that started as a polyp. Finding the polyp through screening and removing it could have prevented this colon cancer. Screening can help detect colon cancer early, when there are often no symptoms, and when treatment leads to survival rates of about 90%.

Stop 5 *Advanced Colon Cancer*

Advanced colon cancer is a cancer that started in the colon and has spread to other parts of the body. Regular screening can help prevent colon cancer (by finding and removing polyps) or can help detect it earlier, when it is much more treatable.

Stop 6 *Crohn's*

Crohn's disease is an inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). It causes inflammation of the lining of the digestive tract and increases the risk of colon cancer.



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Colorectal cancer is cancer that is found in the colon (large intestine) or the rectum. Sometimes it is called colon cancer. It is the second leading cancer killer in the United States, but it doesn't have to be. If everyone aged **45** years or older had regular screening tests, at least 60% of deaths from this cancer could be avoided. So if you are **45** or older, talk to your doctor about being screened.