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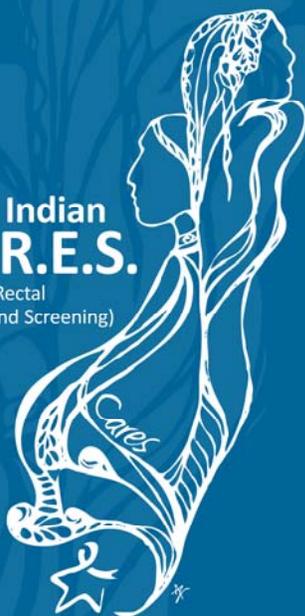
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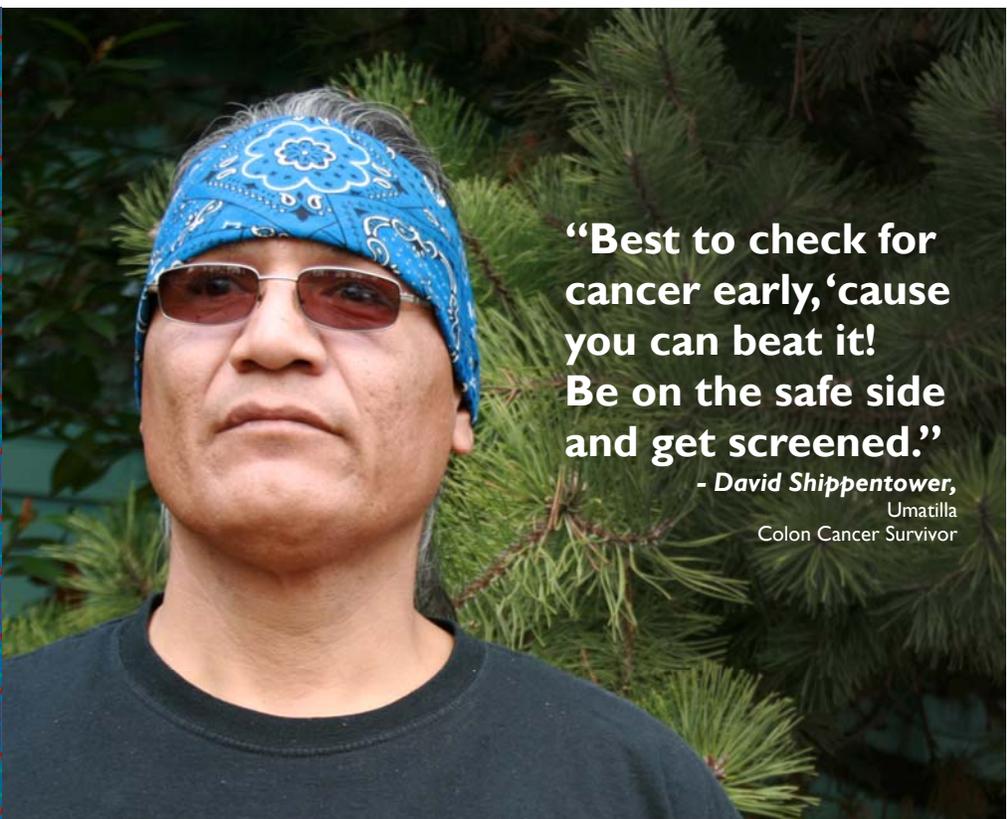
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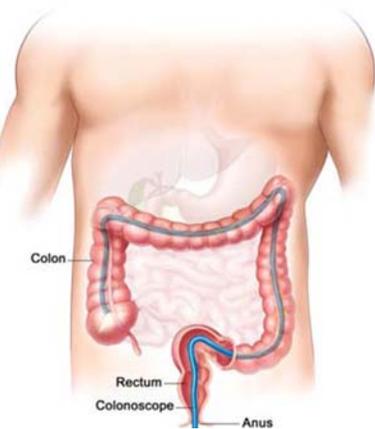
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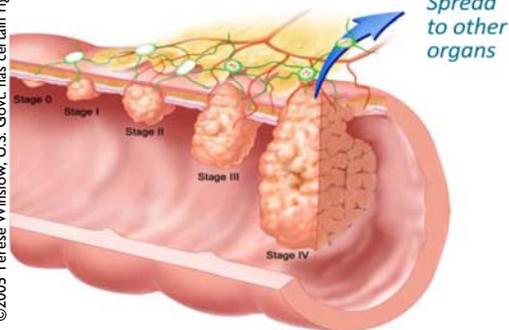
Both women and men can get colorectal cancer and need to be screened.

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Start today

Get screened after you turn 50. If you have a family history, start screening earlier. Get screened even if you feel fine. **Colorectal cancer may not have any symptoms.** Don't wait for your doctor to bring it up. Ask to have a colorectal wellness screening TODAY.

There are several ways to get screened:

- Take home blood-stool test (may also be called FIT or FOBT) every year
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy (SIG-moid-OSS-ko-pee) every 5 years
- Colonoscopy (KO-lun-OSS-ko-pee) every 10 years

Do it for your family

Sometimes putting yourself first is the best way to take care of your family. You may feel ashamed or embarrassed, but **screening can save your life or prevent an illness.**

Many types of insurance, including Medicare, pay for screening. Some state or local programs also may pay for screening.

Talk to your doctor or local health clinic for more information.

For more information about CARES contact the Urban Indian Health Institute, Seattle Indian Health Board at (206) 812-3030 or info@uihi.org.

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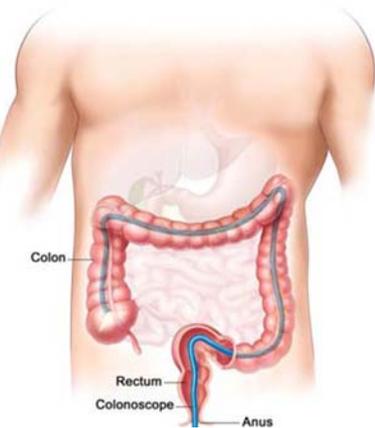
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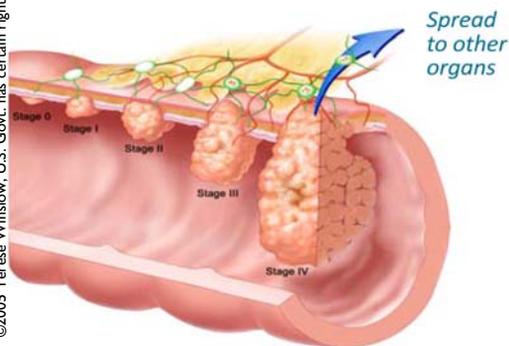
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