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## **Prevea Health urges colon cancer screenings during Colon Cancer Awareness Month Adults 45+ should consider scheduling a colonoscopy**

**GREEN BAY, Wis.** – As Colon Cancer Awareness Month begins this March, Prevea Health is urging adults 45 and older to schedule their colonoscopies to help prevent, detect and treat one of the most common and deadly types of cancers – colorectal cancer. With the American Cancer Society (ACS) [reporting](#) colorectal cancer as the second most common cause of cancer death for Americans, Prevea gastroenterologists are committed to increasing awareness and timely access to life-saving screenings.

“A colonoscopy screening doesn’t just detect cancer, it can prevent it,” said [Dr. Kwabena Oware Adu-Gyamfi](#), Prevea gastroenterologist. “When my team and I remove precancerous polyps early, we can stop cancer before it starts. That’s why it’s so important for people to get screened at the age of 45, or even sooner if they have a family history of colon cancer.”

Prevea follows national screening guidelines, recommending adults begin screening at age 45. However, for those with a family history of colorectal cancer or other risk factors, screening may need to begin earlier.

“It’s estimated nearly one-third of colorectal cancer cases in adults under 50 occur in people with a family history of the disease,” said Dr. Adu-Gyamfi. “If a close relative has had colorectal cancer, don’t wait – talk to your primary care provider about scheduling a screening sooner. Regular checkups and early detection remain key to prevention and improving colon cancer survival rates.”

With a team of highly trained gastroenterologists and a state-of-the-art facility at the [Prevea Surgery Center](#) in Green Bay, Prevea makes it easier than ever to schedule and complete a colon cancer screening.

“We know that some people may feel hesitant about scheduling a colonoscopy, but it’s a simple procedure that can save your life,” said Dr. Adu-Gyamfi. “At Prevea, our team is here to make the process as comfortable and stress-free as possible.”

### **Schedule your screening today**

To schedule a colonoscopy in Green Bay with Drs. Adu-Gyamfi, [Vikas Khullar](#), [Chaitanya Pant](#) or [Mark Laukka](#) at the Prevea Surgery Center, patients will need a referral from a primary care provider. To schedule an appointment with a Prevea primary care provider in Green Bay, call (920) 429-1700 or visit [prevea.com](http://prevea.com).

For more information about colonoscopies and the value of screenings, visit <https://www.prevea.com/resources/4-5-reasons-to-be-screened-for-colon-cancer>

## **About Prevea Health**

Prevea Health is a community of passionate and accomplished physicians, caregivers and staff working together to provide exceptional health care. Patients have trusted Prevea with their medical care needs since 1996 when the organization was founded in Green Bay, Wis. Today, Prevea provides primary care and a wide range of specialty medical care in clinic, hospital, and workplace settings across Northeast Wisconsin. It is partnered with Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS) which operates hospitals in Wisconsin. For more information about Prevea Health, visit [www.prevea.com](http://www.prevea.com)