

FIGHT COLORECTAL CANCER

Congressional Colorectal Cancer Caucus

Co-Chairs: Rep. Donald M. Payne Jr. (D-NJ) and Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL)

Ask your member of Congress to be a champion and join the Congressional Colorectal Cancer Caucus today.

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death for men and women combined. According to the American Cancer Society, it is estimated that in 2022, over 151,000 people will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and roughly 52,580 people will die of colorectal cancer.¹

While the majority of colorectal cancer diagnoses occur in individuals over age 50, there has been a marked increase in diagnoses among the younger population.

Individuals born in the 1990s have double the risk of colon cancer and quadruple the risk of rectal cancer as those born in the 1950s.² Recent research suggests that by 2030, colorectal cancer will be the number one cancer killer for those under age 50. Early-onset patients are often diagnosed at a later stage, when the disease is more challenging to treat.

Additionally, colorectal cancer incidence and mortality rates are not uniform across race and ethnicity. Colorectal cancer incidence rates among Black people were approximately 20% higher than those for the white population, and colorectal cancer death rates for Black people were nearly 40% higher than white people.³



According to the CDC, rates of colorectal cancer are higher in all age groups for American Indian/Alaskan Native males and females compared with the white population.⁴ Just 59% of Latino/Hispanic Americans ages 50-75 are up to date with colorectal cancer screening (2018 rate), compared to 69.2% of non-Hispanic white Americans and 65.5% of non-Hispanic Black Americans.⁵

We can change these statistics. Colorectal cancer is preventable if caught early through timely screening. We have made important advances in science, but the lack of federal funding for colorectal cancer has resulted in limited meaningful treatment options for those diagnosed at a late stage.

There is more work to be done.

Caucus Mission

The Congressional Colorectal Cancer Caucus is a bipartisan group of members of Congress led by Rep. Donald Payne Jr. (D-NJ) and Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL), dedicated to working collaboratively to increase access to screening and advance biomedical research to ensure more effective lines of treatment, and ultimately find a cure for colorectal cancer.

The caucus will help to raise awareness about the challenges faced by the colorectal cancer community among policymakers and their staff, as well as support policy solutions to improve the lives of all patients, survivors, and their loved ones.



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