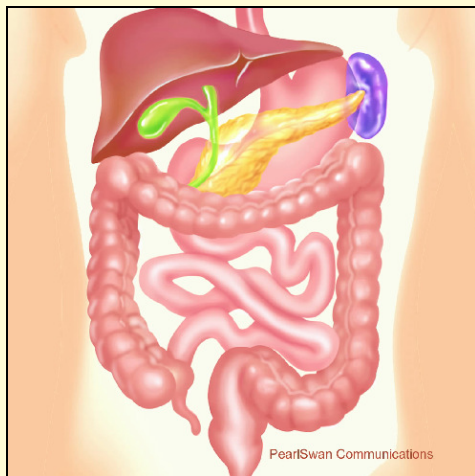


Follow-up for Colon Cancer

Do I need Chemotherapy?



What is Colon Cancer?

Colon cancer occurs when cells lining the inside of the colon, begin to grow out of control. This can cause bleeding and/or blockage of the bowel. If these cells spread, they can be life threatening.

What operation was performed?

- Right Hemi Colectomy
- Left Hemi Colectomy
- Sigmoid Resection
- Segmental Resection
- Rectal Resection
- Colostomy
- Ileostomy

How extensive was my cancer?

Based upon x-ray studies, operative findings, and our final pathology report, your tumor was:

- Within the bowel wall.
- Through the bowel wall.
- No lymph nodes involved.
- Lymph nodes involved.
- Margins clear of cancer.
- Tumor at the margin.
- Not seen in liver or lungs.
- Found in your: liver lungs

Will I need further treatment?

Further treatment is recommended when tumor is found outside the bowel wall.

Do I need Chemotherapy?

- Based upon current National Cancer Institute (NCI) Recommendations:
 - Chemotherapy is not recommended.
 - Chemotherapy should be considered.
- (The final decision is made on an individual basis).

Call Dr. _____ at _____ to arrange consult.

It is important to remember most people with colorectal cancer can be cured.

The newest chemotherapeutic agents are more effective than ever before.

Is there a long term Follow-up Program?

- The Follow-up Program lasts for 5 years.
- Office Visits: Every 3 or 4 months for examination and blood testing.
 - Colonoscopy: At year 1, and then every 3 yrs.

