COLORECTAL PROGRAM

Focused on getting you back your life

Franciscan HEALTH CANCER CENTER
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National leaders in colon and rectal cancer prevention, treatment and research.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE MANAGEMENT
At the Franciscan Health Cancer Center, we are dedicated to diagnosing, treating and understanding colon and rectal cancer. A team approach ensures our patients benefit from a personalized, coordinated and compassionate treatment plan. Our nationally recognized physicians work together and review every patient’s case to create the most comprehensive care plan possible.

COLORECTAL CLINIC
As part of the Colon and Rectal Cancer Clinic, patients benefit from the combined expertise of gastroenterologists, colorectal surgeons, medical oncologists, pathologists, radiation oncologists, radiologists, research coordinators, general surgeons, genetic counselor and nurse navigator – one of the largest teams in Indiana. We develop and participate in cancer research and provide a full range of treatment options ranging from conventional methods to the most advanced surgical procedures, chemotherapy, immunotherapy and radiation therapy.

COLORECTAL NURSE NAVIGATOR
A dedicated colorectal cancer nurse navigator supports our patients and their families. The navigator helps guide patients on a one-on-one basis along the path of diagnosis to treatment. The Colorectal Cancer Nurse Navigator serves as the point person for the Colorectal Clinic team, reviewing the patient’s history and making appropriate appointments based on the patient’s needs and the team’s treatment plan.

EXPERTS IN PREVENTION
Coloscopy is the gold standard in colorectal cancer prevention, and with regular screening many colorectal cancers can be prevented. Our team performs thousands of coloscopies each year and specializes in detecting disease at the earliest stage possible. We also offer advanced CT colonography imaging as a screening option for certain patients.

TARGETED RADIATION THERAPY
We are leaders in the diagnosis and treatment of rectal cancer, especially in the areas of radiation and surgical treatment. Our radiation oncology team is one of the most experienced in the state utilizing advanced technology, such as TomoTherapy, an innovative system that combines Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT) with the accuracy of computed tomography (CT) imaging. We are also experts in Stereotactic Radiation Therapy allowing us to treat rectal cancers with high-dose radiation without damaging the very important rectal nerves that control sexual and urinary function.

SURGERY
Our team of dedicated, board-certified colorectal surgeons are national leaders in minimally invasive laparoscopic surgical techniques, including da Vinci robotic surgery, single incision laparoscopic surgery (SILS), transanal endoscopic microsurgery (TEM) and transanal minimal invasive surgery (TAMIS). These advanced surgical techniques result in fewer incisions, reduced pain, shorter hospital stays and a quicker recovery.

RESEARCH AND CLINICAL TRIALS
As a leading research center, Franciscan Health participates in cutting-edge cancer research studies and clinical trials, with several for colon and rectal cancer available at any time, including clinical trials available nowhere else in the state. This allows us to grant our patients access to advanced treatment options unavailable through standard care.

HEREDITARY CANCER PROGRAM
Between five and 10 percent of all cancer is hereditary and caused by a genetic change passed from generation to generation. Colorectal cancers are among the most common hereditary cancers. Our program offers genetic counseling and testing for patients and their families.

To contact the Colorectal Cancer Nurse Navigator or to schedule an appointment with the Franciscan Health Colorectal Cancer Program, call (317) 528-1420.