

Focus On: Colon Polyps

Colon polyps are growths in your large intestine, also called your colon.

The cause of most colon polyps is not known, but they are common in adults.

Most polyps will not cause problems. But some polyps can turn into colorectal cancer over time.

It usually takes many years for that to happen.

Colon polyps are often found during routine screening tests for colorectal cancer.

They don't usually cause symptoms, unless they become large or cancerous.

When this happens, you may have bleeding from your rectum or a change in your bowel habits, such as diarrhea or constipation.

Most polyps are removed during a colonoscopy to help prevent colorectal cancer.

To learn more about colon polyps, talk to your doctor.