



**Wednesday, July. 21  
At 6:30 p.m.**

Virtual (WebEx) presentation  
Dr. Ponec, MD, Salem Gastro  
Colon cancer screening

**To register, please e-mail  
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**Dr. Ponec will present an in-depth, virtual talk about the importance of colon cancer screening - including new recommendations to begin screening at a younger age (45-49 yrs old)**

Cancer doesn't want - so neither should you

- The American Cancer Society estimates 35% of Americans put elective medical procedures on hold, including cancer screenings, due to COVID-19 related fears and service disruptions.
- The earlier the cancer is detected, the more options there are for treatment, and the better the chances of survival.

Colon cancer is the third most common cancer in men and women in the US:

- In 2020 148,000 new cases of colorectal cancer and over 53,000 deaths
- Largely preventable and 1/3 of Americans are not up to date on screening
- $\frac{3}{4}$  of new cases have no known family history

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