

A Snapshot

Cancer Screening In Mecklenburg County



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2014 Local Behavior Risk
Factor Surveillance System
(BRFSS) Report

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Regular screening tests can identify some cancers at an early stage providing better health outcomes for breast, cervical and colorectal cancers. According to the Centers for Disease Control, men and women are recommended to begin screening practices for colorectal cancer at age 50 and all women should begin regular cervical cancer screening by age 21. The American Cancer Society recommends annual screenings for breast cancer in women ages 40 and over.

COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING

Over 265,000 residents are age 50+

3 Out of 4

Reported ever having a colonoscopy.



2 Out of 5

Reported ever having a blood stool test.

MISSED OPPORTUNITIES

69,000 residents age 50+ reported never having a colonoscopy.

154,000 residents age 50+ reported never having a blood stool test.

CERVICAL AND BREAST CANCER

Over 392,000 adult women reside in Mecklenburg County; 57% or almost 223,000 are age 40+.

9 Out of 10

Reported ever having a Pap Smear.



MISSED OPPORTUNITIES

13,350 women age 40 and over have never received a clinical breast exam.

22,260 women age 40 and over never had a mammogram.

31,400 women reported never having a Pap Smear.

9 Out of 10

Reported ever having a clinical breast exam.



9 Out of 10

Reported ever having a mammogram.

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