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What you need to know about colorectal cancer

How common is Colorectal Cancer?

Excluding skin cancer, Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer diagnosed in both men and women in the United States. The American Cancer Society's estimates for the number of colorectal cancer cases in the United States for 2022 are:

- 106,970 new cases of colon cancer
- 46,050 new cases of rectal cancer

For more about causes, risk factors, prevention and early detection, [click here](#)

Do you know the symptoms of kidney disease?



Did you know kidney disease is often referred to as a “silent disease,” because there are usually no symptoms during its early stages? In fact, as many as 90% of Americans who have chronic kidney disease (CKD) don't know they have the disease until it is very advanced. Learn the steps you can take to protect your kidneys, for more information, [click here](#)

Medicaid Members

Have you heard the news?

Medicaid renewals are restarting.

Make sure **RI Medicaid** has your current mailing address, phone number, or other contact information. This way, they will be able to contact you about important updates to your Medicaid coverage. For more information [click here](#)

Cover All Kids

***ALL** income eligible kids (under age 19) in Rhode Island can enroll in RItE Care (Medicaid) Health insurance coverage, regardless of immigration status, including children who are undocumented and DACA recipients. For more information, [click here](#)*



Important Reminders

- Effective **January 16th**, most adult physicals and new primary care medical appointments will be postponed until fall. You will receive a phone call with additional information if this impacts you.
 - As a reminder, we have same day sick visits available for new patients on a limited basis and by appointment. We will continue to accommodate newborn and obstetrical care as well as dental and behavioral health care.
- We are experiencing **LONG WAIT TIMES** in our call center; we recommend a few things.
 - For refills, call your pharmacy first 401-642-2093! Remember, refills can take several days so plan accordingly.
 - We encourage you to use our Patient Portal to connect with your provider through a secure, safe and convenient environment. [Click here](#) for more information.

- **Missed Appointments** - While Blackstone Valley Community Health Care does not charge you for missed appointments, there is a strict No-Show Policy. Three missed appointments in row may result in not being able to schedule an appointment until you have spoken to the manager.
 - **Note: We are going to call you a day in advance to confirm your appointment as well as on the day of your appointment to confirm. It is important to call us back to confirm.*

Interested in Joining the Patient Advisory Group

JOIN our monthly meetings to discuss how we can better serve **YOU**.

YOU will learn about our services and inspire us to enhance

YOUR experience at Blackstone Valley Community Health Care.

JOIN your peers and members of our team at our next meeting

April 11, 2023

6pm-7pm via Zoom or in person at 39 East Avenue, Pawtucket RI

If you are interested in joining, email us at

patientadvisorygroup@bvchc.org or call (401)312-9878.



Blackstone Valley Community Health Care celebrating 30 years of offering the highest quality, lowest cost health care. Thank you for trusting us with your care.

