

## **WINTER 2024 | NEWSLETTER**





Scan here to learn more! We are happy to announce that
Gastroenterology Associates has joined
One GI®, the Home for Independent
Gastroenterology based out of
Tennessee. We are bringing our teams
together so we can continue to focus on
patient's well-being and meet the growing
needs for GI healthcare in the
communities we serve.

## March is... Colon Cancer Screening Month

Colorectal cancer is the #2 cancer killer in the United States, yet it is one of the most preventable types of cancer.

Over 80% of all cases of colorectal cancer can be prevented with recommended screening. This is why early detection is vital.

Screenings start at the age of 45, unless you have a family history of colon cancer which may result in the need for an earlier screening. Consult your physician for a recommendation.

If you are interested in getting a screening colonoscopy, please talk to a Staff Member today to find out how you can get scheduled for this life saving test.

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Do you *snow* how important it is to get screened for Colon Cancer?



Check out our endoscopy suite in Warrenton!

## **Colon Cancer Awareness**

Colon cancer occurs in the terminal part of the digestive tract otherwise known as the large intestine, or the colon. It can start as small as a benign clump of cells called adenomatous polyps. Over time, these small noncancerous polyps can potentially become cancerous. These polyps can develop undetected, it is recommended to schedule a regular screening test to help prevent colon cancer altogether.

Once diagnosed, especially in the early stages, colon cancer is highly treatable. You and your doctor will discuss options that will best treat your condition.

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