

NOTICE OF A
RESEARCH
STUDY
ON COLON
POLYPS &
COLON
CANCER



Help discover the causes of colon polyps and cancer.

You can make a difference!

Exciting new research has recently shown that many people who develop colon polyps or colon cancer have an inherited predisposition for the development of these tumors.

Five recent genetic variations have been identified just in the last few years. With research, additional genetic changes may be identified in the future.

A clinical research study investigating genetic predisposition to colon tumors is currently underway at Saint Barnabas Medical Center, in collaboration with Cancer Research UK, a prominent British research and science organization in England.

The results of the analysis will be treated as private information in conformity to HIPAA legislation. The study is approved by the Human Studies Committee Oversight Body at Saint Barnabas.

Even if you do not join the study, you can help us--- tell someone who might be eligible.

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The study has two main purposes:

- To establish the incidence of these genetic changes in the New Jersey area population and their possible contribution to the formation of tumors.
- To forward the search for additional genetic changes.

Your are eligible to participate in this study if:

1. You are over age 50
 2. You have had at least one colonoscopy
 3. You are of Jewish heritage (the genetic changes being studied have only been found in those of Jewish heritage)
- (Family or personal history of colon cancer is not necessary for inclusion in the study.)

If you join the study, you will be asked to:

- Answer questions in a telephone interview of about ten minutes
- Provide a sample of blood if no tissue is available (There are no financial consequences; you will not get paid or have to pay.)

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