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## OPEN ACCESS COLONOSCOPY INFORMATION

### What is Open Access Colonoscopy?

The Open Access Colonoscopy Program has been developed by Carolina Digestive Health Associates, making colon cancer screening procedures more accessible for everyone. The Open Access program allows healthy patients and patients who have a strong family history of colon cancer between the ages of 50 and 74 to receive a screening colonoscopy without the inconvenience of an initial office visit. This allows patients who qualify to skip the office appointment. This program is extremely popular with today's busy lifestyles, and we find it encourages patients who have been undecided about having a colonoscopy, to schedule this potentially life-saving procedure. We believe it to be safe and appropriate for the right patients, and most importantly, it saves lives.

By eliminating an extra office visit, the patient saves not only time but a co-pay payment as well. The Open Access colon cancer screening program is accepted and covered by most major insurance companies. The majority of our procedures are conducted at our 5 endoscopy centers, providing the latest in medical technologies, conveniently located in Charlotte, Huntersville, Pineville, University, and Monroe.

After the referral form is reviewed, the patient will be contacted and set up for either a colonoscopy or an office visit. Participation in the Open Access Colonoscopy Program is contingent upon medical history and the patient's desire to participate.

### How do I enroll in the Open Access Colonoscopy Program at Carolina Digestive Health?

If you have read over the above information and feel you would be a good candidate for this program, simply turn over the page, complete the short medical questionnaire, and fax or mail the completed form as instructed. We will contact you upon receipt.

*"We look forward to caring for you."*

The Physicians & Staff of Carolina Digestive Health

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#### Endoscopy Center Locations:

<i>Carolina Digestive Endoscopy Center - Charlotte</i>	<i>Carolina Endoscopy Center - Pineville</i>	<i>Carolina Endoscopy Center- Monroe</i>	<i>Carolina Endoscopy Center - University</i>	<i>Carolina Endoscopy Center- Huntersville</i>
300 Billingsley Rd Charlotte, NC 28211	10520 Park Rd Charlotte, NC 28210	1321 E Sunset Dr. Monroe, NC 28112	101E WT Harris Blvd Charlotte, NC 28262	16455 Statesville Rd Huntersville, NC 2870

#### Local Hospital Locations:

Carolinas Medical Center – Charlotte, Mercy, Pineville, Union, Northeast  
Novant – Charlotte, Matthews, Huntersville

Lake Norman Regional Medical Center  
Gateway Surgery Center at Concord

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#### Endoscopy Center Physicians:

Dr. John Clements	Dr. Stephen Deal	Dr. Cassandra Minor	Dr. Glen Portwood	Dr. Stephen Stephenson
Dr. Anthony Colvin	Dr. Fred Fowler	Dr. Tarun Narang	Dr. Preston Purdum	Dr. Eric Thompson
Dr. Ronnie Cyzner	Dr. Michael Gaspari	Dr. Nayan Patel	Dr. Barry Schneider	



Date \_\_\_\_\_

Referring Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Soc. Sec # \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact Daytime # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Ins. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Policy ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Group # \_\_\_\_\_

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ BMI (Office use only) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

***Please circle Yes or No in answer to the following medical questions.***

Yes/No Had a coronary or vascular stent within the last year?	Yes/No Had a colonoscopy previously? When: _____ Where: _____
Yes/No Had a heart attack or stroke in the last 6 months?	Yes/No Do you have relatives with colon cancer? Who? _____ Age at diagnosis? _____
Yes/No Had intestinal surgery in the last 3 months?	Yes/No Do you have relatives with colon polyps? Who? _____ Age at diagnosis? _____
Yes/No Problems with: sedation/anesthesia, opening your mouth/breathing tubes?	Yes/No Do you have allergies to medications and/or latex? Please List: _____ _____
Yes/No Do you have black stools?	What medications are you currently taking? Please List: _____ _____
Yes/No Been hospitalized in the last month?	_____
Yes/No Been diagnosed with a bleeding disorder or anemia?	_____
Yes/No Had heart pain (angina) or breathing problems (COPD) in the last 3 months?	_____
Yes/No Had kidney failure or insufficiency?	_____
Yes/No Do you have upper abdominal pain, heartburn, or difficulty swallowing?	_____
Yes/No Unexplained weight loss greater than 10lbs in the last month?	_____
Yes/No On chronic narcotic pain medicines? If so, how often? _____	_____
Yes/No Had heart valve surgery?	_____
Yes/No Do you have a defibrillator or pacemaker?	_____
Yes/No Are you having constipation?	_____
Yes/No Been diagnosed with diabetes?	_____
Yes/No Are you confined to a wheelchair?	_____
Yes/No Been diagnosed with TB (Tuberculosis)? When: _____	_____

If there are no contraindications, you will be assigned to one of our physicians to be set up for a colonoscopy. You may need a preliminary appointment if there are medical concerns identified that would need attention before scheduling your colonoscopy. Your insurance company will be notified for benefit verification. *If you have not heard from our office, please call (704) 372-1615.*

Please return this completed form to our office via mail, fax, or email at one of the following:

**Mail:**  
Open Access Team  
Carolina Digestive Health Associates  
3541 Randolph Rd, Ste 301  
Charlotte, NC 28211

**Fax:**  
(704) 372-3605

**Email:**  
[newpatient@carolinadigestive.com](mailto:newpatient@carolinadigestive.com)