

Title: Improving Colorectal Cancer Screening Disparities Among Somali-Speaking Patients in an Internal Medicine Residency Clinic**Supplementary Materials:**

Script (English):

Benefit of early detection

A lot of people sometimes think, "I feel fine, and I don't have any symptoms, why do I need a test?"

Most people who are diagnosed with colorectal cancer will not know they are developing it until it is too late for treatments to be effective. Screening tests can detect cancers early when it is easier to treat and will have less of an impact on the things you like to do on a day-to-day basis.

Anticipated regret

Another reason that is sometimes brought up is, "If I'm going to get cancer, I'm going to get cancer and there is no treatment for cancer"

Without getting screened, you might find out too late that you have cancer. Patients who get tested and diagnosed earlier have a much better chance of curing the cancer. A late diagnosis can be much more physically and mentally painful as the cancer could be difficult to cure.

Social Responsibility

Developing colorectal cancer can have a significant physical and emotional impact on your life. However, it is not just you who would suffer. Typically, your family and community suffer with you, especially if they depend on you for their wellbeing and livelihood. Catching the cancer with screening early can help minimize the impact on you and your family and community.