

Colonoscopy Study Causing Concerns – interview clip transcripts

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Dr. Omar Khokhar, OSF HealthCare Gastroenterologist

“The 42% of people who accepted the invitation for the colonoscopy arm of this study had a 31% reduction in colon cancer incidents, and a 50% mortality reduction from colon cancer. So I think if anything, this study tells us that if you get screened, if you get a colonoscopy, you will have a reduction in your risk of colon cancer, and death from colon cancer.” (:27)

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“There are things that we're experts on and we're not experts on, and I'm fully open to an informed patient. I encourage that conversation. Come to me armed with your data. I'll come with my data. And let's talk about it and then you can decide which risks you want to live with.” (:16)

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“It's simple to say I don't want to get it done. Then you're choosing the risk of not getting it done, and with 52,000 colon cancer deaths every year in this country, and the chance of getting colon cancer one in 25, which is 4% - it's not insignificant - then you choose to live with that risk. But ultimately, as a patient, you get to decide to at least have the conversation.” (:21)

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“This is the only test where we can find a precancerous lesion and remove it at the same time. The stool based tests, if they're negative, you have a clean bill for one to three years depending on which one you choose. If they are positive that needs to be followed up with a colonoscopy to make sure you don't have a precancerous polyp that we can address and get rid of during this colonoscopy.” (:24)