



# DIGESTIVE HEALTH

## PHYSICIANS

CONSULTATIVE GASTROENTEROLOGY ♦ GASTROINTESTINAL ENDOSCOPY ♦ HEPATOLOGY

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## Free Colonoscopy Program

For information & sign-up call (239) 939-9939

Program designed for patients who meet screening criteria for colorectal cancer:

- Colonoscopy every 10 yrs beginning at age 50 (45 for African Americans)
- No GI associated symptoms
- Single first degree relative with colorectal cancer or advanced adenoma diagnosed at age <60 yr. or two first degree relatives with colorectal cancer or advanced adenomas.
- No history of familial adenomatous polyposis, MYH syndrome, nor hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC) syndrome, nor any other genetic or familial polyposis syndrome.

Geared for patients with a recent economic detrimental event, ie, foreclosure, unemployment, loss of insurance in the current national economic crisis.

Patients will sign a statement indicating:

- No ability to pay for colonoscopy otherwise.
- Lack of private or government funded health benefits
- No active symptoms from the GI tract.
- Patient will assume responsibility to seek further follow-up care as indicated.
- Release DHP, Dr. Herrera and partners, and GCEC from any claims, demands, rights, damages, costs, expenses, and liability associated with providing any further medical evaluation or care following the colonoscopy, including, but not limited to any costs associated with such follow-up care.

Patients are responsible for arranging transportation to and from the endoscopy center.

An attempt will be made to provide patient with the required pre-colonoscopy preparation with the support of the pharmaceutical companies. In case this is not possible or the existing preparation is not available, the patient will be responsible to purchase the preparation as indicated.

All the other pre-requisites for direct endoscopy at GCEC hold, as stated in the Primary Endoscopy program, i.e., phone directed health history and indications per nursing staff.

The program will be executed with the graceful support of volunteer staff, including, endoscopy technicians, nurses, CRNA's and board certified gastroenterologists.

The days of endoscopy will be on different Saturdays, exact dates yet to be determined by staff availability as patient slots are filled.

The program will be limited to 50 patients, total number

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