

## Letter to Patient at Increased or High Risk

Date

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

According to our records, you indicated that either you or a family member who is under age 60 has a history of colorectal polyps or cancer. This medical history places you at increased risk for colorectal cancer. Because of this, it is advisable that you have a colonoscopy now. If you had a negative stool test or other non-colonoscopy test you still need a colonoscopy.

A colonoscopy is a procedure that is usually done by a gastroenterologist or a surgeon at an endoscopy center or hospital. This test will allow a doctor to look inside the entire colon (large intestine) to check for a polyp or cancer.

Please contact our office to get a referral to the specialist who will perform the colonoscopy. If you have private health insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid, your health plan may cover the full cost of colonoscopy, with no co-pay or deductible bill for you. Check with your insurance provider to find out about your coverage.

If you do not have health insurance, please do not let this keep you from getting a colonoscopy. We can assist you with scheduling a colonoscopy or finding a doctor who will see you.

Please call \_\_\_\_\_ to set up an appointment or if you have questions.

Thank you for taking care of your health and following through on this important test.

Sincerely,

Medical Director