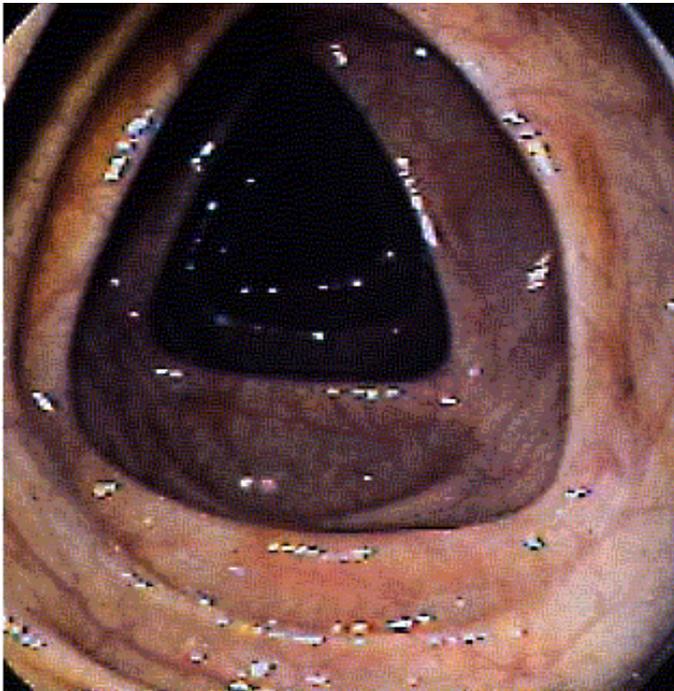
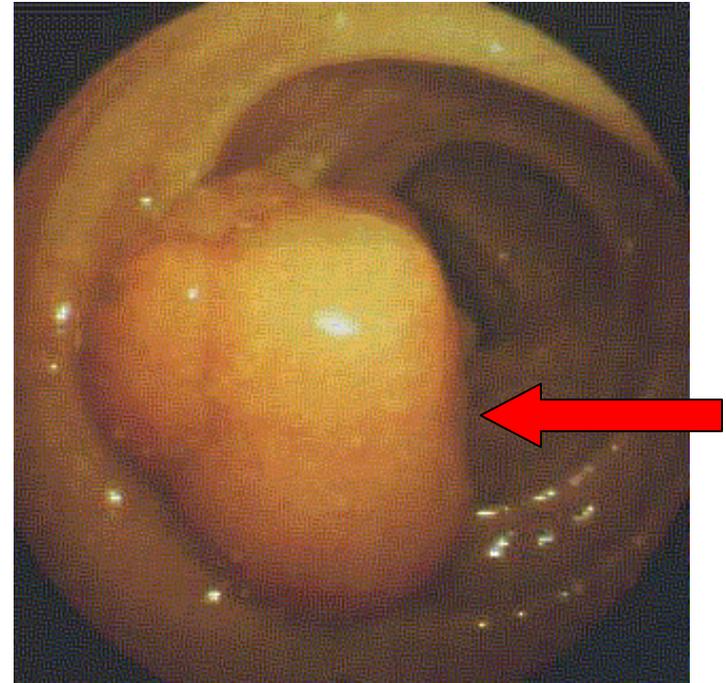


Bedside Intervention

**A polyp is an abnormal growth
in the large intestine (colon).**



Normal



Polyp

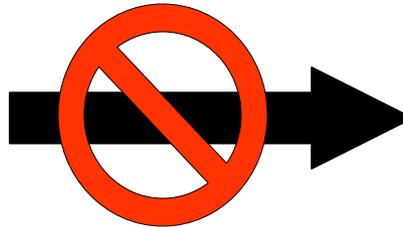
There are two major types of polyps in the colon: adenomas and hyperplastic. **Adenomas** are “**pre-cancerous**” growths which means they can turn into cancer. Hyperplastic polyps are not “pre-cancerous.”

Adenoma



Cancer

Hyperplastic



Cancer

1 of 10 people with an adenoma will develop colon cancer within 10 years if the adenoma is not removed.

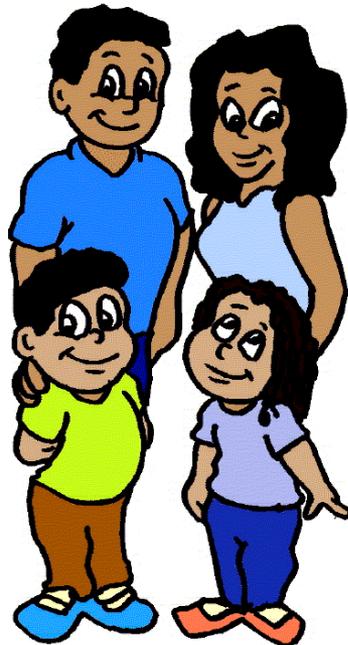
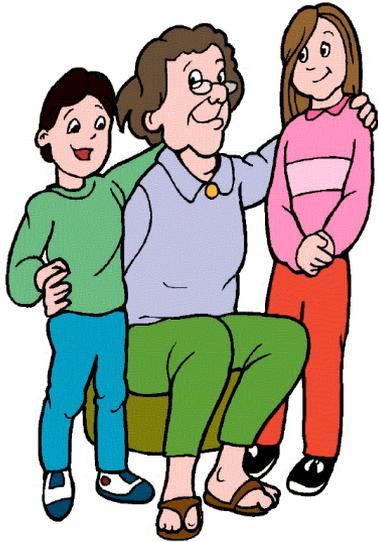


3 out of 10 people with an adenoma will develop another adenoma within 3 years.



Therefore, it is important for patients with adenomas to have another colonoscopy in 3 to 5 years.

If you have an adenoma, the chance of your brother, sister, parents, or children getting colon cancer is about 2 to 6 times higher than the average person.



Therefore, it is important that you let your close relatives know if you have an adenoma, so that they can speak to their doctors about getting tested.



Siblings



Children



Parents