Prevention and Early Detection

Many lifestyle factors have been related to the risk of developing colon cancer, including diet, weight, and amount of exercise. Eating healthy, well balanced meals, getting plenty of exercise and fluids may help reduce your risk. It is recommended that all adults start regular screenings for colon and rectal cancer at age 50; earlier if you’re in a high risk category. If you have a family history of the disease, talk with your physician about when you should initially be screened. Early detection might save your life.

At Dignity Health Medical Group, doctors like Jennifer McNeil, MD are here to care for you and to help you through every stage of your health, from screenings to early detection, diagnosis and treatment.

If treatment is needed, Dr. McNeil and her team will work with you and your physician to ensure you receive leading edge treatments and the highest quality of care. She understands it’s a difficult topic so she emphasizes her goal of making you comfortable and getting you back to living your best life every day.

To learn more about Dr. Jennifer McNeil, visit dhmf.org/stockton/mcneil.

Choose the Right Doctor

Whether you need a routine checkup or help managing a chronic health condition, finding a doctor who can care for you and your particular issue is important. At Dignity Health Medical Group, we believe an important part of delivering the best health care is helping you understand your particular situation so that you can make informed decisions.

Visit us online at: dhmf.org/stockton or call 209.684.7698 to make an appointment.
Jennifer McNeil, MD is a colorectal surgeon who specializes in all diseases and conditions of the colon, rectum and anus. It is an area of expertise that makes people who need her services a bit embarrassed. But Dr. McNeil does her best to make each patient feel comfortable even when discussing uncomfortable subjects.

She received her medical degree from Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland, completed her internship and residency at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, DC, and her fellowship at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Her practice is focused on colon and rectal surgery, especially abdominal and anorectal disorders including cancer, benign anorectal conditions like hemorrhoids, and more. She uses laparoscopic surgeries to deliver enhanced recovery after surgery especially after neoadjuvant therapy – chemotherapy and radiation to shrink rectal cancer tumors.

About Colon Cancer

Colon cancer is the third most common cancer among both men and women, but it can be prevented. In its early stages, colon cancer often has no symptoms so regular screenings can detect it early enough to treat it.

Dr. McNeil is board-certified in colorectal surgery and is a specialist in treating colon and rectal cancer, diverticulitis, hemorrhoids, inflammatory bowel disease, and pelvic floor issues. She uses minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery technique whenever possible.

If you have been diagnosed with rectal cancer, laparoscopic surgery can often help avoid the need for a permanent colostomy.

“I want people to know that they can come to me with any issue related to their colon or rectum that might require surgery. We have a very comfortable atmosphere here, and my team and I do our best to make you feel comfortable as soon as you walk through the door.”

Conditions Treated

- Anal Abscess
- Anal fissure
- Anal fistula
- Colon cancer
- Colostomy/Ileostomy problems
- Fecal incontinence
- Hemorrhoids
- Pilonidal disease
- Rectal cancer
- Rectal prolapse
- Surgery for diverticulitis

Procedures Performed

- Abscess, cyst, or fluid drainage/aspiration
- Appendectomy
- Anal fissure surgery
- Anal fistula surgery
- Colon and rectal surgery
- Colonoscopy
- Drainage or removal of pilonidal cyst
- Hemorrhoidectomy
- Hemorrhoid banding
- Laparoscopic colon and rectal surgery for benign and malignant conditions
- Proctectomy
- Sphincterotomy
- Surgery for inflammatory bowel disease
- Treatment of anal condyloma