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Prevent Colon Cancer - Get Screened!

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Mississippi had a voice in the 2017 Dialogue for Action, the annual meeting of the Prevent Cancer Foundation. Dr. Roy J. Duhe gave a presentation on the "Natural History and Epidemiology of Colorectal Cancer" in an overview panel discussion moderated by Faye L. Wong, MPH. Ms. Wong is the Program Services Branch Director in the CDC's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control. The 2017 Dialogue also provided a venue for the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable's Community Health Center Task Group meeting; Dr. Duhe also participates in this Task Group.

You can access resources from the 2017 Dialogue Toolkit by following the "Read More" link below.

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Mississippians should be proud of the fact that four members of our Congressional delegation have already co-sponsored HR1017 / S479. Based on a current poll, this places us AT THE TOP of the other states & territories belonging to the Southeastern Colorectal Cancer Consortium (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia).

Let's thank Sen. Thad Cochran, Sen. Roger Wicker, Rep. Gregg

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The sixth series of PCORI-sponsored Community Engagement Meetings concluded on Saturday, April 8th at Travelers Rest in Greenwood, MS. Dr. Valencia Martin of the Greenwood Comprehensive Medical Clinic in Greenwood, was the keynote speaker and her presentation emphasized the importance of diet in the prevention of colorectal cancers. Using the language of faith for the second part of her presentation, Dr. Martin discussed dietary components that can either REDUCE the risk of CRC or INCREASE the risk of CRC. A diet rich in fresh fruits and vegetables is an important part of an overall strategy to reduce CRC risks. As Dr. Martin also pointed out, unhealthy diets containing processed meats and red meat, especially charred red meat arising from poor grilling technique, are known to increase the risk of colorectal cancers. To learn more about the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer's evidence linking red meat and processed meat to an increased risk for colorectal cancer, follow the "READ MORE" link below.

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Harper, and Rep. Trent Kelly for supporting this legislation. Hopefully, the entire Mississippi Congressional delegation will soon sign this legislation, as they did last year with the previous version.

Specialty CRC screening and prevention car tags only available in Mississippi

Colorectal cancer prevention advocates from other states have approached members of the 70x2020 Partnership to learn how they can get a similar specialty car tag in their states. For the moment, let's enjoy the fact that Mississippi is the ONLY state in America with such a license plate.

If you pre-ordered a plate, it should be on your car by now. If not, go to your County Tax Collector office to pick up your plate. Some counties mailed pick-up notification letters, others didn't.

If you want to get such a plate, contact your County Tax Collector office to order one. Help us spread the life-saving message: "Prevent Colon Cancer ... Get Screened".

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