



Presentation Abstract

Presentation Title	Are We Failing Our Patients? Why Colorectal Cancer is Increasing in Taiwan Despite Greater Awareness
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Abstract Body	<p>Introduction: Colorectal Cancer (CRC) has been the most common incident cancer since 2006. Over 50% of the cases are diagnosed at late-stage. Too many Taiwanese men and women are dying from colorectal cancer (CRC). It does not have to be.</p> <p>Background: CRC is preventable if detected at the pre-cancerous stage. In Taiwan the majority of cases are still found late-stage as current screening methods simply are not enough.</p> <p>Results: Surveying the medical literature reveals poor adherence in Taiwan to current CRC detection strategies. Additionally, poor compliance to monitoring of CRC recurrence play a significant role in the increased morbidity and mortality associated with this disease.</p> <p>Clinical focus should be on strategies that are able to identify pre-cancer or cancer at earlier stages when it is preventable or curable. Strategies should be non-invasive, simple and convenient for patients such as routine blood draws since many patients are not compliant with current methods especially those that require a bowel prep or utilize stool based testing.</p> <p>What is needed is a novel test that can side step ineffective screening paradigms and identify pre-cancer or early stage disease missed by conventional methods.</p> <p>Conclusions: We believe we have identified a novel testing strategy which will substantially increase compliance and will help monitor and detect CRC patients more effectively.</p>

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