TIME TO SCREEN Detecting Cancer Early May Save Your Life



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## It's Time for a Public Education Campaign About Cancer Screening

**Time to Screen** is a national awareness campaign to reassure consumers that cancer screenings are safe, essential and shouldn't be delayed because detecting cancer early may save your life.

The campaign's toll-free hotline and website makes it easy for visitors to schedule a screening by providing information and locations where they can be screened safely.

**Time to Screen** encourages consumers to not delay their cancer screenings because keeping current with recommended screenings is essential for maintaining health. Detecting cancer early may save your life.

The **Time to Screen** campaign includes a toll-free helpline that consumers can use to find cancer screening locations near them and a new website that has valuable information about screening recommendations for breast, cervical, colorectal, prostate, lung and melanoma skin cancers. To promote the campaign, **Time to Screen** is:

- Utilizing ambassadors from community oncology practices
- Engaging primary care, women's health and other physicians
- Launching public-service announcements on print, broadcast and digital platforms

As COVID-19 cases surged, cancer screenings dropped precipitously as governments asked consumers to stay home. Research by Avalere Health found significant reductions in cancer screenings in April 2020, compared with April 2021:

- Breast Cancer Screenings -85% reduction
- Colon Cancer Screenings -75% reduction
- Prostate Cancer Screenings -74% reduction
- Lung Cancer Screenings
  -56% reduction

## **For More Information**

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