

## Early Detection

Early detection through screening tests, self-exams and routine medical exams provide the opportunity to detect cancers or precancerous conditions at an early stage. Many types of cancer (breast, cervical, colorectal, skin) are more successfully treated if detected early. For instance, cervical cancer is 100% treatable if detected early through routine Pap smears and if appropriate follow-up is provided. With increased emphasis on education and screening, many lives could be saved.

### SUBJECT

### SC GRADE

#### **Breast Cancer**

Mammograms

**B**

67.3 percent of women over the age of 50 have ever had a mammogram\*

#### **Cervical Cancer**

Pap smears

**C**

Over 96.4 percent of women have ever had a Pap smear\*

#### **Colorectal Cancer**

Sigmoidoscopy/Colonoscopy

**C**

49.2 percent of people have ever had a sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy\*

Fecal Occult Blood Test

**C**

47.5 percent of people have ever had a fecal occult blood test\*

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\* SC BRFSS data 2002, NA Data not available for grading

## Early Detection (Continued)

### Oral Cancers

Oral Exam

A

24.6 percent of people have had an oral exam to detect cancer\*

### Prostate Cancer

Prostate Cancer Antigen (PSA)

NA

66.5 percent of men over the age of 50 have ever had a PSA test\*

Digital Rectal Exam (DRE)

NA

85.3 percent of men over the age of 50 have ever had a DRE test\*

### Skin (Melanoma) Cancer

Visual exam

NA

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