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### **(9/23/24) Free Webinar on Completing a Colonoscopy after a Positive FIT Kit or Cologuard Test to be Held in October (Focuses on Importance and Answers Patient Concerns)**

Completing an at-home colon cancer test, such as FIT or Cologuard, is an important first step in detecting colorectal cancer. And if your test is positive, a follow-up colonoscopy can be crucial for survival. To help answer your questions and ease your concerns about getting a colonoscopy, regional healthcare providers have joined together to present the free webinar, “Embracing Your Health: The Importance of Completing a Colonoscopy after a Positive FIT Kit or Cologuard”, on October 2 from 12:00 to 1:00 PM CT.

Presented by Dr. Blase Polite, MD, MPP, FASCO, a GI Oncologist with the University of Chicago Medicine, this one-day, one-hour webinar is being described as a “light-hearted and easy to listen to presentation on colon cancer screening”. You’ll learn why a colonoscopy is so important, hear a real-life testimonial from someone who had a colonoscopy, and get your questions answered live.

For more information and to register, visit <https://UQR.TO/1V9B9>, the Southern 7 Health Department Facebook page, or call Shawna Rhine at 618-634-2297, ext. 971161.

This webinar is presented in partnership by Penn State School of Medicine, Asian Health Coalition, The University of Chicago Medicine, Friend Health, VNA Health Care, Community Health & Emergency Services (CHESI), Massac Memorial Hospital, Illinois Colorectal Cancer Alliance to Reduce Mortality and Enhance Screening (IL-CARES), and Southern 7 Health Department.

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