

# Colonoscopy

## What Is a Colonoscopy?

A colonoscopy is an outpatient exam that is performed while you are lightly sedated. This procedure enables your doctor to examine the colon (large intestine) and remove a polyp or polyps, if necessary. The procedure takes 15-30 minutes and is rarely remembered by the sedated patient.

## What Occurs During the exam?

A flexible colonoscope is inserted into the rectum and beyond. In most cases, the colonoscope can be inserted throughout the entire extent of the large intestine permitting a complete examination.

## What Are the Reasons for a Colonoscopy?

Colonoscopy is used to identify the following:

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