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Speaker 1: Welcome to the Cancer Wise podcast brought to you by the University of Michigan Health Rogel Cancer Center. With almost two million new cancer diagnosis a year and over 600,000 deaths, knowing and understanding your cancer risk is important, which is why we're excited to be bringing you this brand new podcast. Each episode will focus on topics that can make an impact in a newly diagnosed patient, someone who is health conscious and wants to better understand prevention opportunities, researchers, or those looking for the latest in scientific studies and finding a cure for cancer, all from the experts at the Rogel Cancer Center, their patients, survivors, and searchers.

Maureen Pickle: My name is Maureen Pickle and I'm a physician assistant at Michigan Medicine's Rogel Cancer Center.

All cancers tend to have an increase risk associated with increasing age. However, with colon and rectal cancer, up to 12% occur in people under the age of 50, with that number growing in recent years. Colon and rectal cancer occur equally between men and women, and it's the second most common cause of cancer deaths. Colon cancer is also the third most common cause of cancer.

Speaker 1: Our goal is simple. We want to help you understand your treatment options, share the efforts being made to improve cancer care, and to help educate what you might be able to do to prevent or to catch cancer earlier. We hope you joined us not only for this podcast, but for other parts of our Cancer Wise series. You can find the latest episodes and videos at [www.rogelcancercenter.org/podcasts](http://www.rogelcancercenter.org/podcasts). Cancer Wise is part of the Michigan podcast network.