

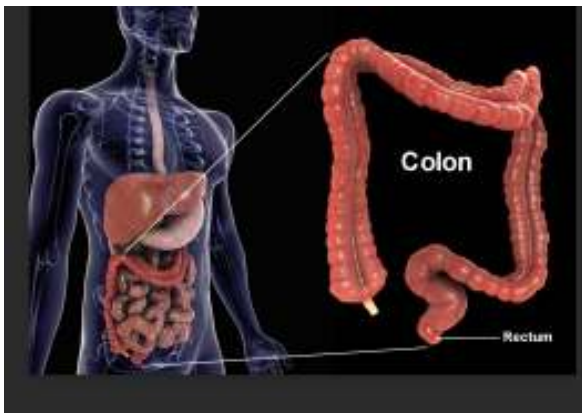


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Information on Colonoscopy

The Colon:

- Colon or large intestine is the last part of your digestive tract.
- It starts at the cecum, which attaches to the end of the small intestine.
- The Colon is made up of a hollow tube about five feet long that:
 - Takes in water and minerals from digested food.
 - Ends in the rectum, the last part of the large intestine, which stores undigested solid waste.

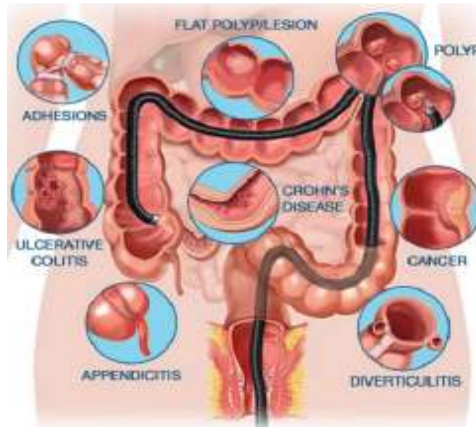


The Colonoscopy:

- A colonoscopy is a test to look inside your colon
- A colonoscopy is done by a gastroenterologist, a doctor trained in looking at the Gastrointestinal (GI) tract.
- The main tool used to look inside the colon is a colonoscope.
- A Colonoscopy is a safe and effective way to look for GI health issues and sometimes even treat those health issues.



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The Tool for Colonoscopy:

- The Colonoscope is a long, thin (about the width of your little finger), flexible tube with a tiny camera and a light on the end.
- The Colonoscope is a long enough to look at all of the large bowel and even the lower part of the small intestine.

