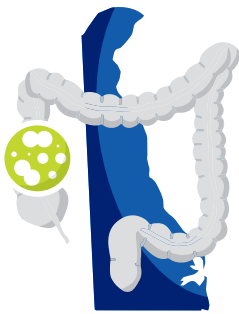


Eliminating Colorectal Cancer Disparities in Delaware

The cancer control program was initiated in 2003 under the direction of the Delaware Cancer Consortium. As a result of this program:



- **Colorectal cancer screening among African Americans rose from 48 percent in 2001 to 74 percent in 2009**, which was almost equivalent to the 2009 screening rate among whites, which was 75 percent.
- **Disparities in the colorectal cancer incidence rates among African Americans and whites were almost eliminated** as a result of the equivalent screening rates between the two groups, falling from 15 percent higher among African Americans in 2001 to 3 percent higher in 2009.
- **Disparities in the colorectal cancer death rates among African Americans and whites were almost eliminated**, falling from 60 percent higher among African Americans in 2001 to 7 percent higher in 2009.