## Is there a cost for me to participate in the study?

There will be no financial cost to you to participate in the study.

## How will my information be protected?

All data collected during this study will be kept in a password protected, secure, database at one location. Personal information will not be shared with anyone unauthorized.

### How with this study benefit patients with cancer?

The results of this study will help us better understand the impact of the cost of cancer treatment on financial wellbeing.

Who should I contact for more information about the study?

# Impact of a Cancer Diagnosis on Finances and Employment

a study for patients with newly diagnosed colon or rectal cancer

This is a survey study that will look at the impact of costs of cancer and its treatment







A program of the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health

#### What is the purpose of this study?

The **COST of cancer treatment** has risen over the last decade. This study is looking at how often patients with a diagnosis of colon or rectal cancer have financial problems, using questionnaires that ask questions about **finances**, employment, and quality of life.

#### Who can participate in the study?

This study is for patients with a new diagnosis of either colon or rectal cancer that has not spread (metastasized).

#### How long would I participate in the study?

We will collect survey information from you five times over a 24 month (two year) period. You can quit the study at any time.

#### What would I be asked to do for the study?

Review and sign an Informed Consent form You will be given an Informed Consent form that also provides details about the study. Participation is entirely optional. If you agree to participate you will be asked to sign the Informed Consent form.

#### **Complete Questionnaires**

There are a total of five different questionnaires for you to complete over a two year period of time. The questionnaires may take 30 – 40 minutes to complete. These questionnaires will ask for basic information about you, your cancer, physical and emotional health, and health insurance and finances.