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Updates on Esophageal Cancer

Guest Speaker: Keval Shah, DO, Gastroenterology

Thursday, July 7 • 5:00 p.m.

Mission Hope Cancer Center

1325 East Church Street, Santa Maria

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Esophageal cancer is a malignant tumor of the esophagus—the muscular tube that connects the throat to the stomach. Worldwide it is the eighth most common cancer, frequently seen in East Asia. Smoking is a risk factor and likely accounts for the high incidence in China and certain populations in the United States. Other factors include excessive alcohol consumption, chronic acid reflux disease, obesity, and diets high in processed meats and low in vegetables. Gastroesophageal reflux (heartburn, regurgitation) is very common, and can increase the risk of esophageal cancer.

Early detection has proven difficult. There are a few common symptoms to watch out for and certain situations where screening is advised. Join Dr. Shah as he discusses strategies you can use to reduce your risk of this cancer and shares important updates in the diagnosis and treatment of esophageal cancer. Session includes a question and answer period; bring your questions!

Did you know?

Men are at higher risk (four times than that of women) of being diagnosed with esophageal cancer, as are people greater than 55 years of age.

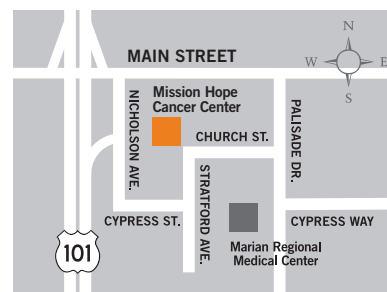


EDUCATION



Keval Shah, DO
Gastroenterology

■ A Board Certified Gastroenterologist, Dr. Shah specializes in the latest advances in diagnosis and successful treatment of disorders of the esophagus, upper gastrointestinal tract, colon, liver, bile duct system, and pancreas. His interests include colorectal cancer prevention and early detection using the latest state of the art colonoscopy procedures and techniques.



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