

## Mayo Clinic Minute

### An inside look at colonoscopy advances

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	This is what cancer prevention looks like through the lens of a colonoscope.
Michael Wallace, M.D.	“We advance this tube through the colon ...”
Michael Wallace, M.D.	“ ... looking for the precursors to cancer, ...”
Michael Wallace, M.D.	“ ... the colon polyp. So we can go in and remove that polyp before it ever becomes malignant.”
	Gastroenterologist Dr. Michael Wallace says thanks to near-focus, high definition cameras, it’s getting even easier to spot polyps.
Title: Michael Wallace, M.D. Gastroenterology Mayo Clinic	“ ...and particularly, what we call flat polyps that don’t grow up like little mushrooms. They spread out, more like a bed of moss. And we can now see these. And we also now have tools to remove even those difficult flat polyps.”
	Once a flat polyp is identified, Dr. Wallace injects a blue saline to raise it and reveal its boundaries.
	A wire snare is then used to remove the polyp.
Michael Wallace, M.D.	“So that’s why we are actually seeing a significant decrease in new cases of colon cancer; not just better survival, which we are also seeing, but actually fewer cases, because we’re preventing them by removing the precursor lesion.”
	For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I’m Jeff Olsen.