

American Cancer Society to accept "walk-ins" during last phase of historic cancer prevention study

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Area residents will be able to take part in the nation's largest cancer study in recent years by simply walking in the door of what will be the last phase of the American Cancer Society's historic cancer prevention study (CPS-3).

The event takes place Tuesday, Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Midtown Global Market, 920 East Lake St., Minneapolis.

Normally those who enroll in CPS-3 are asked to pre-register online prior to showing up for an in-person appointment, however the American Cancer Society is attempting to make sure those who want to be included in the study will not be left out due to any kind of technicalities. It is also encouraging as many people of color to take part in this study, including in particular African-Americans, Hispanics and Asian-Americans.

"We're very close to reaching our goal of 300,000 people nationwide for this historic study," said Holly Guerrero of the American Cancer Society. "It is vital that we reach a good balanced mix of people in the Twin Cities to make this study as population- accurate and representative of the people of Minnesota as possible. This is our best chance ever to finding the answers to cancer."

The study calls for people between 30 and 65 years old who have never been diagnosed with cancer. Signing up requires a one-time in-person visit to read and sign a consent form, complete a survey, have waist measured and give a small non-fasting blood sample. Participants will also complete a more detailed survey at home and will continue to receive periodic follow-up surveys in the future that researchers will use to look for more clues to cancer's causes. Interested parties can pre-enroll at www.cps3globalmarket.org.

Previous cancer prevention studies by the American Cancer Society confirmed the link of smoking and lung cancer, and the relationship of the environment, healthy-eating and lack of exercise on various cancers.