### What Are MCED Tests?



#### **DID YOU KNOW?**



**7 out of 10** cancer-related deaths in the U.S. are from types of cancers with no agreed upon screening recommendation.<sup>1</sup>

However, new screening tests known as multi-cancer early detection (MCED) tests could help find these cancers.



# MCED (Multi-cancer Early Detection) screening tests

use a blood sample to test for signs of cancer. They also can detect many types of cancer at once.



They are not a replacement for recommended cancer screenings. When they are used, they should be used together with other screening tests.



MCED tests have the potential to find cancer **before signs and symptoms appear**.



More information is needed to understand how well MCED screening tests can help with finding cancer. No screening guideline groups\* have suggested using them for cancer screenings.

\*e.g., the American Cancer Society, or the United States Preventive Services Task Force



They are **not yet approved** by the Food and Drug Administration.

#### **Getting An MCED Screening Test**

If you are interested in getting an MCED screening test:

- You need a prescription from a doctor.
- Contact your insurer to see if the screening test is covered by your insurance.
- Some MCED tests are also available to people who choose to take part in research studies.

## What Do MCED Screening Test Results Tell You?

- An MCED screening test tells you if the sample you provide shows changes in your blood that may be a sign of cancer.
- Receiving a positive test does <u>not</u> mean that you have cancer. It means you need to have further tests to determine if cancer is present.
- If you have an MCED test done, it's important to communicate with the doctor who ordered the test to decide if more testing is needed.