Cancel COVID-19’s Impact on Cancer!

- **Decreased Cancer Screening**: A 20%-50% drop in cancer screening in seven provinces from March to December 2020 compared to 2019.
- **Decreased Cancer Diagnosis**: A three-month interruption in screening equals up to 310 more late-stage breast cancer and 1,100 more colon cancer diagnoses.
- **Delayed Cancer Treatment**: A 20% decrease in cancer surgeries in the first six months of the pandemic in 2020.
- **More Advanced Cancer and Increased Death from Cancer**: A potential for 21,247 excess cancer deaths projected over the next 10 years.

**What can you do?**
- Ensure patient’s cancer screening is up to date.
- Save colonoscopies for high-risk patients and abnormal stool test screens.
- Monitor for symptomatic cancers and work-up expeditiously.

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