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The overall incidence of colorectal cancer is decreasing in many countries; however, there is an alarming increase among young adults. Moreover, racial, ethnic and geographic disparities in mortality from colorectal cancer persist despite screening efforts. The etiology of these evolving time trends is unknown, but may be linked to genetic, epigenetic, and environmental factors such as the intestinal microbiome, diet and obesity. Cover design by Sarah Williamson, MA.

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