

PRICE IS RIGHT'S ROD RODDY I'LL BEAT MY KILLER CANCER!

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COURAGEOUS game-show announcer Rod Roddy is bravely battling colon, prostate and breast cancer and has a special message for GLOBE readers.

"I'll beat my killer cancer," The Price Is Right star tells us in an exclusive interview. "And I want to tell all of you that everything I'm going through now could have been prevented if I had a colonoscopy at age 50."

Sadly, Roddy, 66, famed for wearing wacky outfits and belting out the show's trademark phrase, "Come On Down," waited until 2001 to get the test. Doctors had to remove a portion of his colon.

"They discovered I had a tumor the size of an orange," he explains.

Docs have also had to remove cancerous lymph nodes, his left breast and more growths in his colon. He's also

had surgery on an enlarged prostate.

Roddy's now undergoing chemotherapy, wearing a pump that injects medicine into his system.

Despite his pain, the gutsy announcer taped an episode in June, which began the game show's 32nd year on TV. It was his 19th year on The Price Is Right.

Recently, he was hospitalized because his energy was low and he was losing weight rapidly - down from 278 pounds to 183 - but the brave star insists that he's OK and is raring to get back to work.

"I'm thankful to GLOBE because you can get out the message about colonoscopies to your huge readership," he says. "I hope my words will help save lives."

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Rod helped
celebrate the
show's 32nd
anniversary
in June

