

Colorectal Cancer (CRC) Screening Best Practices Checklist

Do you...

- Have a point person assigned to assist with patient education and barriers to CRC screenings?
- Actively perform outreach to your patients?
- Run lists on populations eligible for CRC screenings?
- Have an electronic medical record (EMR) with a reminder/flag system set up for CRC screenings?
- Document stool-based testing/colonoscopy refusals?
- Offer stool-based testing as a choice?
- Discuss CRC screenings during pre-visit planning?
- Educate patients about CRC screenings?
- Assist with scheduling CRC screenings at times of referral?
- Provide bowel prep to patients before colonoscopy procedures?
- Perform reminder calls to patients for upcoming CRC screenings?
- Reschedule patients when CRC screening appointments are missed?
- Have a written policy stating preferred CRC screening methods?
- Follow up on colonoscopy refusals?
- Follow up on positive stool-based tests?

A point person can be a patient navigator, family health care work or health educator.

An EMR with a reminder/flag system can identify patients who have not received a CRC screening during both new and follow-up appointments. EMRs can also perform panel management.

Studies show that these practices will assist in reducing no-show appointments and inadequate bowel prep rates.