



RESOURCES AND WORKFLOWS FOR CENTER CLINICAL STAFF

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National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Patient Resources

- [Can Colorectal Polyps and Cancer Be Found Early?](#)
- [American Cancer Society Guideline for Colorectal Cancer Screening](#)
- [Colorectal Cancer Screening Tests](#)
- [Insurance Coverage for Colorectal Cancer Screening](#)
- [Colorectal Cancer Signs and Symptoms](#)
- [Tests to Diagnose and Stage Colorectal Cancer](#)
- [Understanding Your Pathology Report](#)
- [Colorectal Cancer Stages](#)
- [Survival Rates for Colorectal Cancer, By Stage](#)
- [Questions to Ask Your Doctor About Colorectal Cancer](#)
- [Questions Worksheet \[PDF\]](#)

Physician Resources

The Dos and Don'ts of Colorectal Cancer Screening

Do's	Don'ts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Do make a recommendation! Be clear that screening is important. Ask patients about their needs and preferences. The best test is the one that gets done. ✓ Do use the American Cancer Society and/or the USPSTF recommendations for colorectal cancer screening in average-risk adults, starting at age 50.* ✓ Do assess your patient's family history, medical history, and age. ✓ Do be persistent with reminders. ✓ Do develop standard office operating procedures and policies for colorectal cancer screening, including the use of EHR prompts and patient navigation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Do not use digital rectal exams (DREs) for colorectal cancer screening. In 1 large study, DREs missed 19 of 21 cancers. ✗ Do not repeat a positive stool test. Always refer the patient for a colonoscopy. ✗ Do not use stool tests on those with a higher risk. A colonoscopy must be performed. ✗ Do not forget to use non-clinical staff to help make sure screening gets done. They can hand out educational materials and schedule follow-up appointments. ✗ Do not forget to coordinate care across the continuum.

* If a patient at any age is symptomatic, please evaluate and refer them as needed for a colonoscopy.

For more tools and resources, please visit nccrt.org or contact



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- [American Cancer Society](#)
- [American College of Gastroenterology](#)
- [American Gastroenterological Association](#)
- [American Society of Clinical Oncology](#)
- [American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons](#)
- [CDC: Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [Mayo Clinic](#)
- [MD Anderson](#)
- [Use of Electronic Medical Records to Facilitate Colorectal Cancer Screening in Community Health Centers](#)
- [Steps for Increasing Colorectal Cancer Screening Rates: A Manual for Community Health Centers](#)
- [Increasing Quality Colorectal Cancer Screening and Promoting Screen Quality: An Action Guide for Engaging Employers and Professional Medical Organizations](#)

Workflow

