



## **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](#)

#### **Physician Resources**

## The Dos and Don'ts of Colorectal Cancer Screening

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

\* 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](http://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

