

Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL-E)

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Measurement period

Jan. 1–Dec. 31

Eligible population

45–75 years of age during the measurement period

Service required

All eligible patients must have an appropriate colorectal cancer screening that encompasses the measurement period and is documented in the medical record.

- Type and date of screening must be reported in the medical record.
- Submitted records must include most recent colorectal screening with date of service (minimum of month and year) or colorectal cancer and/or colectomy status date of procedure (minimum is year performed).
- Records must be reported via Electronic Clinical Data Systems (ECDS), which is a method of reporting clinical data electronically.
- Providers do not need to change their documentation or claim/encounter processes.

Appropriate screenings include:

- Fecal occult blood test (FOBT)
- Guaiac FOBT or immunochemical FOBT (FIT)
- Stool DNA (sDNA) with FIT test (two years before the measurement period and during the measurement period)
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy or computed tomography (CT) colonography (four years before the measurement period and during the measurement period)
- Colonoscopy (nine years before the measurement period and during the measurement period)

Note: The FOBT and FOBT FIT are not compliant for a calendar year but only for the year in which they are performed. Example: FOBT performed on Dec. 15, 2026, is only compliant until Dec. 31, 2026.

Exclusions

At any time during the patient's history:

- Patients with a history of colorectal cancer and/or total colectomy

During the measurement period:

- Patients in hospice, using hospice services or receiving palliative care
- Patients who died
- Patients 66 years of age and older living long-term in an institutional setting or are enrolled in an Institutional Special Needs Plan (I-SNP)
- Patients 66 years of age and older with [frailty and advanced illness](#)
- Patients who were dispensed dementia medications

Measure best practices

- Obtain and review new patients' past 10 years of medical records to determine any colon cancer screenings they may have had in that time period.
- Have a process for appropriate follow-up and documentation of a test when ordering/referring patients for colon cancer screenings.
- Document date of service (at minimum month and year) of the most recent colon cancer screening in the medical record.
- Ask specific questions about colon cancer screening history.
- Schedule a colorectal cancer screening or order at-home test kit. Doing so at the beginning of the year, in conjunction with an Annual Wellness Visit will address the opportunity early and allow conversation regarding results.

Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®)

Code	Code type	Definition
82270, 82274	CPT	Pathology/laboratory codes: Fecal occult blood test between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31 of the current year
G0328	HCPCS	Pathology/laboratory codes: Fecal occult blood test between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31 of the current year
81528	CPT	Cologuard (FIT-DNA) test between Jan. 1 two years prior and Dec. 31 of the current year
0464U	CPT	Cologuard (FIT-DNA) test between Jan. 1 two years prior and Dec. 31 of the current year
45330–45335, 45337, 45338, 45340–45342, 45346, 45347, 45349, 45350	HCPCS	Surgery/hospital codes: Flexible sigmoidoscopy between Jan. 1 four years prior and Dec. 31 of the current year
G0104	CPT	Surgery/hospital codes: Flexible sigmoidoscopy between Jan. 1 four years prior and Dec. 31 of the current year
45378, 45380, 45381, 45384, 45388	CPT	CT colonography between Jan. 1 four years prior and Dec. 31 of the current year
74262–74263	CPT	CT colonography between Jan. 1 four years prior and Dec. 31 of the current year
60515-4, 72531-7, 79069-1, 79071-7, 9101-2, 82688-3	LOINC	CT colonography between Jan. 1 four years prior and Dec. 31 of the current year
77353-1	LOINC	Noninvasive colorectal cancer DNA and occult blood screening (interpretation) in stool narrative
77354-9	LOINC	Noninvasive colorectal cancer DNA and occult blood screening (presence) in stool
G0105, G0121	HCPCS	Colonoscopy between Jan. 1 nine years ago and Dec. 31 of the current year
708699002	SNOMED	Colorectal cancer detected by DNA-based stool screening (finding)
841000119107	SNOMED	History of flexible sigmoidoscopy (situation)
851000119109	SNOMED	History of colonoscopy (situation)
119771000119101	SNOMED	History of total colectomy (situation)

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