



Welcome to Southwest Health Care in Bowman who recently joined Cohort 3!

## Featured Resource

Epic Care Link is a free portal through Exact Sciences that clinic managers will be able to use to order, result and track orders for Cologuard. They can add as many providers as they would like and control access to who is able to use it (as many or as few). Please feel free to share it with nurses and managers that you work with. The [Epic Care Link Portal Guide](#) provides instructions on everything from ordering Cologuard to obtaining results for a single patient or an entire health organization or location. **Epic Care Link is an Epic product, but the clinic does not need to have the Epic EHR to access it.** It is available for ALL clinics that order Cologuard tests. If you have any questions about accessing the Epic Care Link Portal, contact Mike Pelzer at [mpelzer@exactsciences.com](mailto:mpelzer@exactsciences.com).

## Milestones

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- ~Standing Rock Service Unit | Fort Yates
- ~Quentin Burdick Memorial Health Care Facility | Belcourt
- ~Spirit Lake Health Center | Ft. Totten
- ~UND Family Practice | Bismarck
- ~First Care Health Center | Park River
- ~CliniCare | Cavalier
- ~Wishek Clinic
- ~Napoleon Clinic
- ~Gackle Clinic
- ~Kulm Clinic
- ~Elgin Community Clinic
- ~Richardton Clinic
- ~Glen Ullin Family Medical Center



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- ~Towner County Medical Center | Cando



## How Would You Respond?

William is a 46-year-old male visiting his primary care provider for a routine check-up. His physician notes William's father was diagnosed with colon cancer at the age of 53, which puts William at an increased risk for developing the same cancer. She mentions the American Cancer Society has changed the age at which colorectal cancer screening should begin for those at higher risk and strongly recommends William schedule a colonoscopy. William responds that he read about someone who was screened and had major complications. William: "No way I'm getting that done; I'll take my chances with cancer."

**Response:** William should be educated on the need for colonoscopy. His dad was diagnosed at 53 years, and he should have started screening at age 43 years old. Risks of colonoscopy are low in someone at his age and the benefit outweighs any risk at this age.

**Up To Date:** Colon perforation is the most important complication of colonoscopy (1.96 per 1000 colonoscopies, odds ratio [OR] 0.56) [84]. Comorbidities and older age increased the risk of perforation.

Response provided by Tammy Clemetson, FNP, First Care Health Center, Park River, ND.

## Upcoming Events

### SAVE THE DATE!

**2021 North Dakota Colorectal Cancer Roundtable Annual Meeting (Virtual)**

**Thursday, December 2, 2021 | 1:00-4:00 p.m. CT**

Agenda and meeting materials will be available at a later date.

GREAT IDEA!

Do you have the capability of sending messages through your patient portal? Here is an example sent to one of our QHA employees from CHI St. Alexis Health.

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### Resume Screenings and Immunizations

35% of Americans missed routine cancer screenings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Illness doesn't quarantine. It is important to resume immunizations and screenings to maintain health and detect early signs of illness. Please make an appointment with your primary care provider today or [visit our website](#) for a list of clinics and providers.

Thank you for choosing CHI St. Alexis Health!

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