



Congratulations to **Standing Rock Service Unit** (Ft. Yates and McLaughlin Clinics), **UND Center for Family Medicine** (Bismarck), and **Jacobson Memorial Hospital and Care Center** (Elgin, Glen Ullin and Richardton Clinics) on achieving the **BRONZE MILESTONE!**

Peer Sharing

Clinic Workflow Changes With Epic Implementation

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With our EMR upgrade to EPIC, our facility decided to use this opportunity to revamp our entire clinic workflow. The whole reason we decided to change our clinic workflow was to improve the process, not only for patients, but for staff members as well. New changes that we implemented include:

1. When patients schedule appointments for complaints such as UTI symptoms or ICC physicals, they are automatically placed on the lab schedule for a time prior to their clinic appointment. This allows providers to have those lab tests completed and results ready when the patient is seen in the clinic. They no longer have to wait for these to be done afterwards.
2. EPIC allows providers to print After Visit Summaries of the clinic appointment for patients. Our previous EMR did not have this option. We have our scheduling department print these off for patients vs. nursing staff, as that way, any follow-up appointments are listed on that summary as a reminder for patients.
3. We have also requested that all patients stop at the registration desk before leaving the clinic, as a last stop to make sure all registration items were completed and allowing patients to schedule follow-up appointments before leaving the clinic.
4. If patients are having labs or radiology exams, we now ask patients to go back to the registration waiting area after being seen by the provider. Lab/Radiology staff will come grab the patient from there. Since we only have a couple staff members in these departments and are responsible for the clinic and hospital/ER, this process eliminates patients sitting outside these departments and waiting, thinking they have been forgotten by staff.

News, etc.

Health Economic Impact of mt-sDNA Compared with Colonoscopy and FIT

This study used a Markov model to estimate the cost-effectiveness of multitarget stool DNA testing (mt-sDNA) compared with colonoscopy and fecal immunochemical testing (FIT) for AN adults.

Key findings:

- Assuming perfect adherence, the model predicted a 52% reduction in CRC incidence using colonoscopy, a 61% reduction with FIT, and a 66% reduction for mt-sDNA utilization. Mortality reduction trends were similar, with a 58% reduction with colonoscopy, 70% with FIT, and 72% with mt-sDNA use.
- Under perfect and imperfect adherence, an average, mt-sDNA had a greater number of quality-adjusted life-years (QALYs) saved at a lower cost compared with colonoscopy or FIT.

Click [here](#) to review the study and [here](#) to listen to a summary by Dr. Diana Redwood.



Our compliments to Spirit Lake Health Center for hosting Jecinta Scott, Exact Sciences Medical Liaison, for her presentation on CRC Screening Guidelines. 30 people were in attendance for the meeting, including medical staff, nurses, administration, and health information technology. It was a great kick-off to CRC Awareness month and a great way to get all of their staff motivated to address Colorectal Cancer screening with every patient.

Photo: Dr. Jeffrey Vaagen, Clinic Champion at Spirit Lake Health Center and Jecinta Scott, Exact Sciences.

CRC Awareness Month Activities

Thank you to every clinic who made an effort to observe Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. There were so many creative ideas such as a "Get your rear in gear" 5K sponsored by Jacobson Memorial Hospital and Care Center and new slogans, such as "Stay one step AHEAD of your BEHIND" at Standing Rock Service Unit. We appreciate every picture that you shared with us. These can be viewed at www.screend.org/photogallery. Some of the activities included:

- Turn ND Blue Photo Contest submissions
- Newspaper articles
- Drawings/incentives for those completing a screening (poo emojis)
- Social Media posts
- Wear blue Wednesdays
- Displays promoting CRC Screening in Waiting areas
- Displays of CRC Screening improvement progress in Med-Staff areas
- Rollin' Colon on display at local casino and in the clinic
- Sharing the social media messages at the local movie theater prior to the start of the show
- Setting goal to screen # of new patients this month
- Buttons or t-shirts with CRC Screening promotion as conversation starters
- Doc Talk – video posted to social media
- 5-K walk/run – shared with school and local employer groups
- And lots more!

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