



Improving Colorectal Cancer Screening Rates in North Dakota

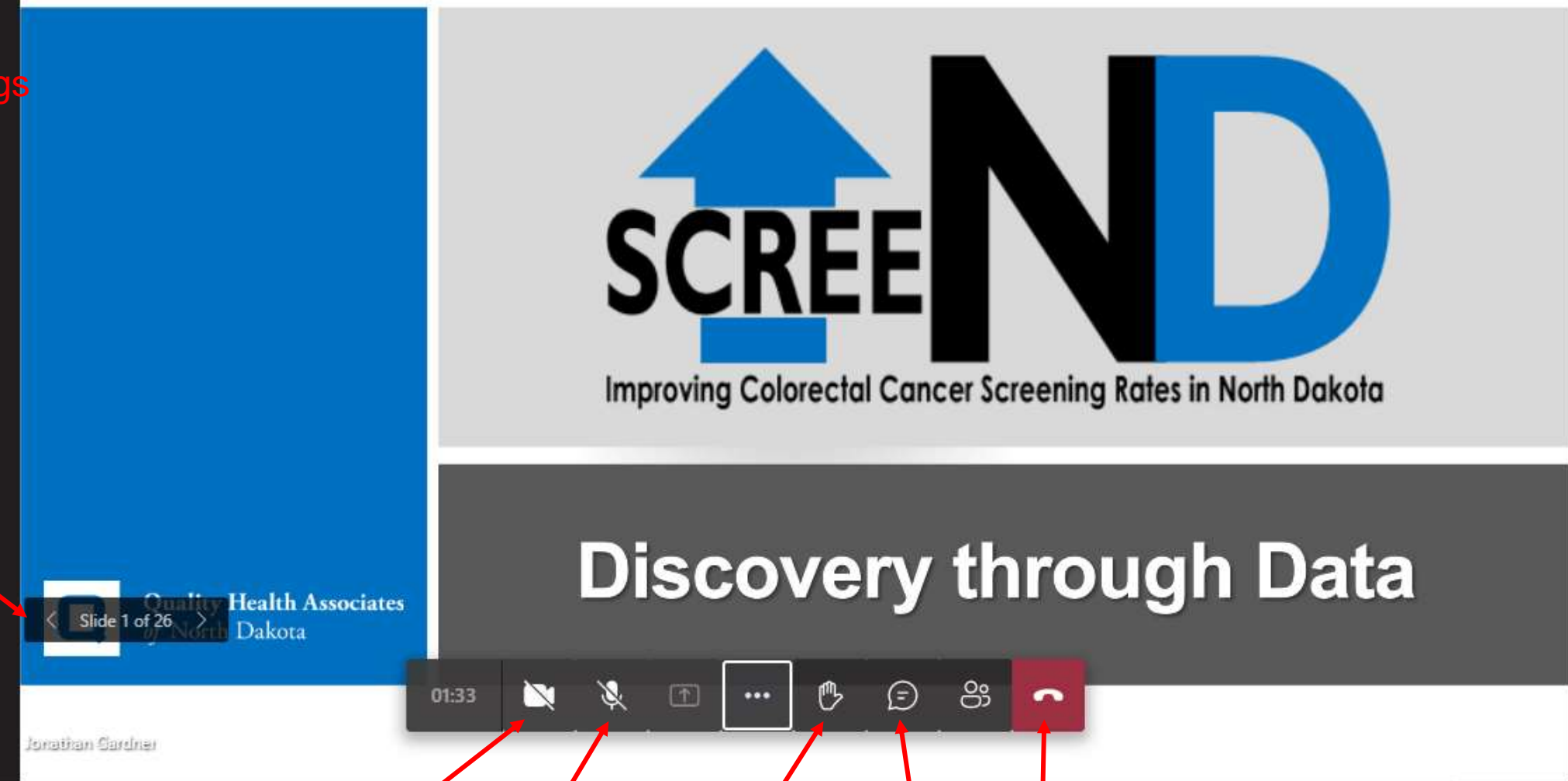
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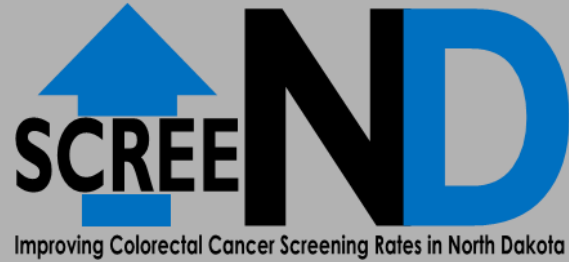
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Quality Health Associates of North Dakota (QHA) is partnering with ND's primary care clinics to increase colorectal cancer (CRC) screening rates for rural, frontier, and Native American populations.



## Assistance from QHA

QHA will assist participating clinics using the following strategies:



✓ Facilitate completion of a comprehensive readiness assessment



✓ Provide individual technical assistance

✓ Lead a rapid-action collaborative structure with small groups to target specific needs

✓ Conduct site visits and coaching calls to assess progress, identify barriers, and develop mitigation strategies



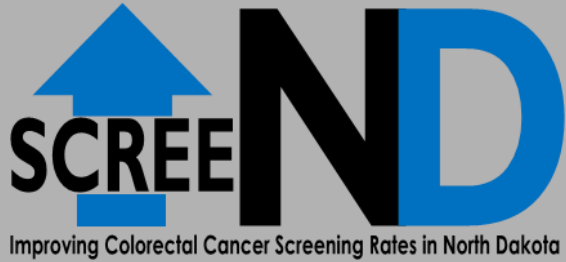
✓ Guide the development of clinic-specific action plans for implementing at least two evidence-based interventions (EBIs) to address CRC screening



✓ Advise clinic staff in leveraging their electronic health records (EHRs) to collect and report CRC screening program measures



✓ Share resources, tools and materials



## Milestones Program Cohort 3

SCH: Wishek\*  
 SCH: Napoleon\*  
 SCH: Kulm\*  
 SCH: Gackle\*  
 JMHCC: Elgin  
 Community Clinic  
 JMHCC: Richardton  
 Clinic  
 Southwest Healthcare  
 Services - Bowman

**COPPER**



- Signed commitment letter
- Formed multidisciplinary innovation team
- Completed Clinic Readiness Assessment
- Completed introductory meeting
- Submitted Action Plan and set goal for year 1
- Submitted baseline data

**BRONZE**



- Data submission is current
- Initiated two (2) evidence-based interventions as defined in Action Plan
- Submitted current clinic policy for CRC Screening

**SILVER**



- Team members participated in scheduled coaching calls and rapid action collaborative
- Implemented at least two (2) evidence-based interventions specific to improving CRC screening rates
- Achieved 1st year goal for improving CRC screening rate
- Shared SCREEND performance with Clinic Board or Leadership

**GOLD**



- Reviewed and updated Action Plan annually
- Submitted at least one success story or lesson learned related to the interventions selected
- Achieved 2nd year goal for improving CRC Screening rate
- Distributed clinician level data to medical staff

**PLATINUM**



- Achieved 3rd year goal for improving CRC Screening rate
- Used EHR to fullest potential to sustain EBIs such as flagging for follow-up, tracking screening results, pulling reports, generating and sending reminders to both providers and patients



Program



Resources



Rapid Action Collaborative



News/Events

Website: <https://www.screend.org/>

# Monthly Newsletter



## Snapshot

A quick look at tips, tools, and updates for CRC screening improvement

October 2022



### WELCOME ScreenND Cohort 4!

Unity Medical Center—Grafton Family Clinic and Park River Family Clinic  
St. Luke's Medical Center—Crosby Clinic!

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"You can drive good screening rates if you offer colonoscopy only. But you will not obtain great screening rates unless you offer patients choice." ~Frank Colengelo, Alleghany Health Network Premier Medical Association, quoting Dr. Richard Wender, NCCRT

### Featured Resource

**Ryan Reynolds Let a Camera Crew Film His Colonoscopy—and It Was 'Potentially Lifesaving'**



### Dashboard

Overall Colorectal Cancer Screening Rate  
Relative Improvement from Baseline (15 Clinics)







***How has participating in  
ScreenND helped your clinic?***

***Dr. Jeff Hostetter***

***Monica Paczkowski***

***UND Center for Family Medicine***

# Get the Facts

## COLORECTAL CANCER SYMPTOMS

- 🩸 Blood in your stool
- ⚖️ Unexplained weight loss
- 🚽 Change in bathroom habits
- 🌀 Persistent cramps or low back pain
- 🥱 Fatigue
- 🐛 Feeling bloated
- 💧 Anemia

**24**  
**1 IN ~~23~~**

DEVELOPS COLON CANCER

Get educated Get screened.

THE SYMPTOMS  
OF COLORECTAL  
CANCER CAN BE  
**NO SYMPTOMS**  
AT ALL.

IF YOU WERE BORN  
IN THE 90'S...  
YOU HAVE **2X** THE  
RISK OF **COLON**  
**CANCER** AND **4X**  
THE RISK OF **RECTAL**  
**CANCER** THAN  
THOSE BORN IN 1950.

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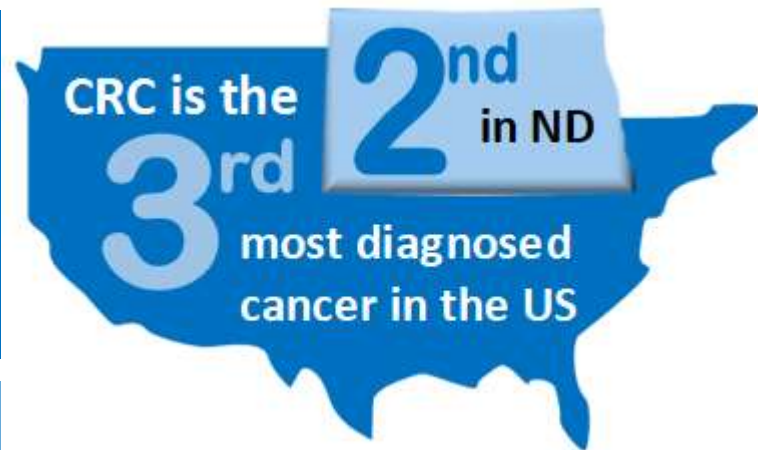


**\$14.1 BILLION**  
**total annual**  
**medical cost**  
**of colorectal**  
**cancer care**

## Economic Data

### The High Cost of Colorectal Cancer

- 11% of all cancer treatment costs
- # 2 in cost
- Average cost of new diagnosis of CRC: \$40,000-\$80,000
- On average, cancer survivors have annual losses in work productivity (due to missed workdays and employment disability) that are about \$1,000 higher compared to people without a cancer history.



## Where are we now?

- Pre-Covid, 33% of eligible adults in ND are not up to date
- 41% of CRC cases are diagnosed at a late-stage with only 13% reaching a 5-year survival rate
- Priority Populations:
  - Males
  - American Indians
  - Individuals without post-high school education
- Current ND Screening rate: 67%, Tribal Communities about 52% overall.
- Estimated 380 new cases of CRC in ND in 2019

# Setting a Goal

**Polling Question:  
What goal did  
your organization  
set for itself?**

- Encourage to set a goal that is at least 15% higher than current rate
- Figure out what that means – Is it 1 more patient screened per week? 1 per day?

1000 eligible patients/year: Current rate is 25%

= 250 patients are up to date/screen 5 patients per week

40%: 400 patients per year would need to be screened

= 8 patients per week (or 3 more than current)



Let's unite to reach our shared goal:  
80% in Every Community.



## Patient Information

Medical Record Number

Optional

Date of Birth

  M-D-Y

Optional

Age

\* must provide value

Age at Encounter

 [View equation](#)

## Population Criteria

Patient has been diagnosed with colorectal cancer any time

\* must provide value

Yes  No

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Patient has had a total colectomy

\* must provide value

Yes  No

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Other criteria will exclude this patient from colorectal cancer screening

\* must provide value

Yes  No

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## Screening History

Patient documentation indicates a completed Fecal Occult Blood Test (iFOBT / HSgFOBT), or Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) within one (1) year

\* must provide value

Yes  No

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## Electronic Health Record

The Electronic Health Record (EHR) for this patient is adequately and appropriately documenting colorectal cancer screening for this patient.

Yes  No

Optional

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Score

Numerator: 1

Denominator: 1

# Data Validation: Chart Review



# Data Collection: Baseline Data

- Determine a one-year baseline timeframe
- Select a measure (GPRA, HEDIS, UDS, or NQF)
- Use your Electronic Health Record or another system to generate a baseline CRC rate

# Your Tools

## Electronic Medical Record

- Numerator: Include those who had FOBT or FIT in last year, FIT-DNA in last 3 years, flexible sigmoidoscopy in last 5 years, or colonoscopy in last 10 years
- Denominator: Active clients age 51 -75 (Exclude those with current CRC diagnosis)

Billing data: Can only be done if billing data contains primary care billing information, lab test and endoscopy procedures

Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey Data (BRFSS)

Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)

# Pre-visit Prep as a Data Dig

Pre-visit planning can increase efficiency often saving 30 minutes of both physician time and staff time per day and save about \$26,400/year! (AMA, 2015)

- Use a visit planning checklist
  - What screening exams/labs are priorities for your facility?
  - Arrange for labs to be completed before next visit
- Review notes from the patient's last visit and ensure notes from other physicians who delivered interval care are in the record.
  - Are dates, check boxes or fields completed to assure they are included in the data pulls?
  - Identify gaps in care: preventive and chronic care needs
  - Pre-visit phone call, email or text: medication reconciliation, set the agenda (this also reduced no show rates!)
    - \*Pre-appointment questionnaire – responses prepopulate visit notes
- Pre-clinic care team huddle
  - Alert team to last-minute changes or special patient needs

<https://www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/sustainability/10-steps-pre-visit-planning-can-produce-big-savings>

**Did you  
know?**

The primary reason patients say they are not screened is because their doctor did not recommend it.

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# Discussion

- What are your concerns about reporting or using data in your practice?
- How does CRC screening compare with other preventive screening rates in your system?



# Resources for the Journey Ahead

## Pre-visit Planning

- Link 4 documents:
  - [Previsit planning implementation checklist](#)
  - [Previsit checklist](#)
  - [Pre appointment questionnaire](#)
  - [Previsit plan order sheet](#)

## Next Steps

- Complete Action Plan
- Disseminate goal to your entire staff
- Review your current policies around CRC and/or screening and identify areas for improvement.
- Complete Evaluation:  
<https://screend.org/eval/c4m1>

**Next RAC call: 11/8/2022, 1:00 pm CT/12:00 MT | Topic: Practical Policy**

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