

SNAPSHOT

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



September is Healthy Aging Month!

This special occasion aims to focus on the importance of healthy lifestyles, promoting activities that contribute to physical, mental, and emotional well-being for individuals as they age. In terms of health, it is a great time to get preventive screenings, including cholesterol levels, blood pressure checks, and cancer screenings.

FEATURED RESOURCES

New Cost-Sharing Resource Guides: Starting in 2023, Medicare, ACA, and commercial plans will now cover, as part of preventive care and screening, a follow-up colonoscopy after a non-invasive stool-based test returns a positive or abnormal result for patients 45 years of age and older.

This change recognizes that a follow-up colonoscopy is a key part of the colorectal screening process, due to the need for visual confirmation of a positive or abnormal result, and means that beneficiaries aged 45 and older will not have out-of-pocket costs for both a non-invasive stool-based test, and if needed, the follow-up colonoscopy.

Coverage for a Follow-up Colonoscopy: Summary Guide for Providers and Medical Offices - This resource from Fight Colorectal Cance3r (Fight CRC) provides information about the critical regulatory change, what it means for providers, and how to code the change correctly.
AGA Coding Guide – the most common CRC screening tests, how to code for them, and what to expect in terms of cost.



SHOUT-OUTS

WELCOME to the 5th Cohort of clinics who will be starting the ScreendND program in September:

- SMP Health -St Kateri in Rolla
- McKenzie Health in Watford City
- Mountrail County Medical Clinic in Stanley.

We are looking forward to working with these teams who share our passion for CRC screening!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

The North Dakota Cancer Coalition will be hosting a **Virtual Kick-off Meeting** on September 12th, 2023, from 12-1:30 pm CST.

[Register here](#)

We encourage everyone working to address cancer in North Dakota to participate in the plan's development, revision, and implementation. **Things to note about the plan development process:**

- ✓ The bulk of content development will occur September 2023 – March 2024, with the goal of having a finalized statewide cancer plan in fall 2024
- ✓ All are welcome to contribute to the plan, even those not currently involved in the NDCC
- ✓ You can view the previous [2018 – 2022 Cancer Control Plan](#) on the NDCC website
- ✓ Professional Data Analysts (PDA) will be facilitating the development of the plan. PDA is also the North Dakota Comprehensive Cancer Control Program external evaluator. Contacts for the PDA team include Kate LaVelle (klavelle@pdastats.com) and Emily Groebner (egroebner@pdastats.com)



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HEALTH EQUITY

ASGE Unites Nation's Top CRC Screening Experts to Enhance Care for Underserved

More than 40 of the nation's leading gastroenterologists and allied health care professionals participated in a summit that the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) hosted at its Institute for Training and Technology last week as part of the ASGE Colorectal Cancer (CRC) Screening Project. The ASGE project is designed to develop a financially sustainable model that can be replicated across the United States to ensure that uninsured and underinsured patients who have a positive stool-based CRC screening test get a timely follow-up colonoscopy. [Read more...](#)

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