

Colorectal Cancer Screening!

Colorectal Cancer (CRC) screening and early detection can effectively decrease the morbidity and mortality associated with this disease. Healthcare providers working in primary care settings as the first contact with the health care system can play a pivotal role in cancer prevention and screening for early detection.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends that adults age 50 to 75 be screened for colorectal cancer. Several tests can be used to screen for colorectal cancers but the Plan encourages Providers to refer their members to have colorectal cancer screening done via lab and/or diagnostic exams.

Screening is the process of looking for cancer in people who have no symptoms of the disease. Stool DNA is a test that mainly finds signs of cancer. This test should be completed every 3 years. If the test is positive, then a colonoscopy will be needed.

Stool DNA Test (CPT code 81401)

A stool DNA test looks for certain abnormal sections of DNA (genetic material) from cancer or polyp cells. Colorectal cancer cells often have DNA mutations (changes) in certain genes. Cells from colorectal cancers or polyps with these mutations often get into the stool, where tests may be able to detect them.

Cologuard®, the test currently available, also tests for blood in the stool. Use CPT code 81528 when billing for the Cologuard® test. Medicare beneficiaries who are covered using this procedure are: Those between the age of 50 to 85 years, Asymptomatic, and at average risk of developing colorectal cancer.

Some Pros to performing a Stool DNA screening test are:

- No direct risk to the colon
- No bowel prep
- No pre-test diet changes
- Sampling done at home

Code to identify Colorectal Cancer Screening:

Description	CPT	HCPCS	LOINC
Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT)	82270, 82274	G0328	2335-8, 12503-9, 12504-7, 14563-1, 14564-9, 14565-6, 27396-1, 27401-9, 27925-7, 27926-5, 29771-3, 56490-6, 56491-4, 57905-2, 58453-2
Flexible Sigmoidoscopy	45330-45335, 45337-45342, 45345	G0104	
Colonoscopy	44388-44394, 44397, 45355, 45378-45387, 45391, 45392	G0105, G0121	

Codes to identify Exclusions

Description	CPT	HCPCS	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis	ICD-10-CM Procedure
Colorectal cancer		G0213-G0215, G0231	C18 - C20, C21.2, C21.8 and Z85.038, Z85.048	
Total colectomy	44150-44153, 44155-44158, 44210-44212			ODTE0ZZ, ODTE4ZZ, ODTE7ZZ, ODTE8ZZ

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