

NOTES FOR PHYSICIANS

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COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING

Definition:

- The percentage of members 50-75 years of age who had appropriate screening for colorectal cancer.
- Appropriate screening is defined by 1 of the following:
 - ✓ Fecal occult blood test (FOBT) during measurement year (Jan 1 - Dec 31). (This includes guaiac (gFOBT) **or** immunochemical (iFOBT))
 - ✓ Flexible sigmoidoscopy during measurement year (Jan 1 - Dec 31) **or** the 4 years prior to the measurement year
 - ✓ Colonoscopy during the measurement year (Jan 1 - Dec 31) **or** the 9 years prior to the measurement year

Medical Record Documentation Requirements:

- Medical record must include a note indicating the date of the screening (FOBT, sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy) and/or a copy of the results
- If iFOBT is the screening, *the medical record must document that the iFOBT was done (could be 3 or fewer samples)*
- If gFOBT is the screening, *the medical record must document that the gFOBT was done and there must be 3 or more samples documented as returned*

Best Practices:

Good practice would include at least annual FOBT for your patient.