



Colorectal Cancer Screening

2024 Performance Year

Medicare (MSSP)

Measure Description

Percentage of patients ages 45–75 who had an appropriate screening for colorectal cancer.

Any of the following meet the criteria for a colorectal cancer screening:

- Colonoscopy during 2015-2024
- Flexible Sigmoidoscopy during 2020-2024
- CT Colonography during 2020-2024
- Stool DNA w FIT Test (Cologuard) during 2022-2024
- Fecal occult blood test (FOBT)/gFOBT (guaiac), FIT/iFOBT (immunochemical) during 2024

Note: A Stool DNA w FIT Test is a Cologuard. A FIT test is the FOBT immunochemical test. They are not the same. Ensure the appropriate test falls within the appropriate time range.

Required Exclusions

- Patients in hospice or using hospice services any time during the performance year
- Patients receiving palliative care any time during the performance year
- Patients who passes away any time during the performance year
- Patients who had a colorectal cancer or a total colectomy any time during the patient's history through December 31, 2024

*Note: The following exclusions are closed by **claims only**.*

- Medicare patients 66 years of age and older as of December 31, 2024 who meet either of the following: enrolled in an Institutional SNP (I-SNP) or residing in long-term care as long-term care with a POS code 32, 33, 34, 54, or 56 for more than 90 consecutive days during 2024
- Patients 66 years of age and older with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND either
 - a dispensed medication for dementia, OR
 - one acute inpatient encounter with a diagnosis of advanced illness OR two outpatient, observation, ED, or non-acute inpatient encounters on different dates of service with an advanced illness diagnosisduring 2023 or 2024.

Documentation Tips

- FOBT: It is up to the organization to determine whether the specific test or brand meets the definition
- Do not count digital rectal exams (DRE), FOBT tests performed in an office setting or performed on a sample collected via DRE
- Documentation in the medical record must include both of the following: A note indicating the date the colorectal cancer screening was performed AND the result or findings
- Documentation of 'normal' or 'abnormal' is acceptable
- Patient Reported Requirement: Date (year) and type of test AND result/finding. Patient reported procedures and diagnostic studies, when recorded in the medical record, are acceptable for meeting the numerator
- Documentation of colorectal cancer screening may be completed during a telehealth encounter

Resources

2024 CMS Web Interface Measure Specifications V8.0