

Measure Specific Guidelines for Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL)

Appropriate screenings are defined by one of the following:

- FOBT during the measurement year. **(2019)**
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy during the measurement year or the four years prior to the measurement year. **(January 2015- December 2019)**
- Colonoscopy during the measurement year or the nine years prior to the measurement year. **(January 2010- December 2019)**
- CT colonography during the measurement year or the four years prior to the measurement year. **(January 2015- December 2019)**
- FIT-DNA during the measurement year or the two years prior to the measurement year. **(January 2017- December 2019)**

Documentation guidelines

- Documentation in the medical record must include a note indicating the date when the colorectal cancer screening was performed. A result is not required if the documentation is clearly part of the “medical history” section of the record; if this is not clear, the result or finding must also be present (this ensures that the screening was performed and not merely ordered). **OR**
- A procedure report from Gastroenterologist. **OR**
- A pathology report that indicates the type of screening (e.g., colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy) and the date when the screening was performed meets criteria. **OR**
- A lab Report

***In-office stool testing and digital rectal exams** are not considered appropriate methods of screening for colorectal cancer.