



Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL-E)

HEDIS® Measurement Year 2024

Measure description: This measure captures the percentage of members 45–75 years of age who had appropriate screening for colorectal cancer.

Clinical requirement

Screening methods include:

- FOBT (Fecal occult blood test) during the measurement year.
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy during the measurement year or the four years prior to the measurement year.
- Colonoscopy during the measurement year or the nine years prior to the measurement year.
- CT colonography during the measurement year or the four years prior to the measurement year.
- Stool-DNA (sDNA) with FIT test during the measurement year or the two years prior to the measurement year.

Numerator codes

There is a large list of approved NCQA codes used to identify services included in the COL measure.

For a complete list, refer to the NCQA website at www.ncqa.org.

Screening	Code type	Codes
FOBT	CPT	82270, 82274
	HCPCS	G0328
Flexible sigmoidoscopy	CPT	45330-45335, 45337-45342, 45346-45350
	HCPCS	G0104
Colonoscopy	CPT	44388-44392, 44394, 44401-44408, 45378-45386, 45388-45393, 45398
	HCPCS	G0105, G0121
CT colonography	CPT	74261, 74262, 74263
Stool-DNA (sDNA)	CPT	81528

Strategies for improvement

- Educate the members about the importance of early detection and encourage screening
- Request to have any colorectal cancer screening results sent to you if done at a specialty office
- Engage patients to discuss their fears
- Document the month, year and type of screening of most recent colorectal cancer screening in the medical record
- Set care gap “alerts” in your electronic medical record
- Emphasize personal choice and various modalities, especially for those who may fear having a colonoscopy
- Distribute FOBT or FIT test kits to members who need to be screened
- Act quickly for members who have a positive stool test result