

COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING-E



MEASURE: The percentage of members 45-75 years of age who had appropriate screening for colorectal cancer.



**Updated age for COL-E
Screenings 45-75**

Colorectal Cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in the U.S.

Providers are encouraged to screen all patients age 45-75 through an appropriate screening method and discuss the importance of early detection for all cancers.

Common Screenings:

- FOBT/FIT during the current measurement year.
- Cologuard (FIT-DNA) during the measurement year of the **two years prior** to the measurement year.
**BCBSAZ FEP & Medicare Advantage have partnered with Cologuard in sending kits to members homes who have a gap in care for the COL-E measure. Encourage your patients to complete this noninvasive screening option from the comfort of their home and bring positive result back to discuss follow up and recommendations.*
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy during the measurement year of the **four years prior** to the measurement year.
- Colonoscopy during the measurement year or the **nine years prior** to the measurement year.

NCQA continues the transition to Electronic Clinical Data Systems (ECDS) reporting. Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL) will become COL-E for the 2024 Measurement Year. This means, as with all ECDS reporting measures, it is crucial to code procedures correctly for reimbursement and HEDIS gap closure.

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