

Free CME – **Screening for Colorectal Cancer: Optimizing Quality**

www.cdc.gov/cancer/colorectal/quality

Screening for colorectal cancer saves lives, but problems with how it is implemented in clinical practice can reduce its effectiveness.

Did you know?

Some doctors are not as good as others at finding polyps?

Tests that are no longer recommended are still being used?

Clinicians often recommend screening and surveillance intervals that are not consistent with guidelines?

To **help ensure that patients receive maximum benefit**, this **CDC-sponsored course** provides guidance and tools for clinicians on the best ways to implement colorectal cancer screening.

WHO is it for?

The course is for anyone who provides or oversees colorectal cancer screening – including physicians, nurses, physician assistants, and other health professionals. There are two versions of the course: one for primary care providers (PCPs) and one for providers who perform colonoscopy.

HOW many credits can be earned?

PCPs can earn 2.25 CME, 2.0 CNE, or 0.2 CEU. Endoscopists can earn 1.5 CME, 1.4 CNE, or 0.1 CEU.

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WHAT is included?

- Basic information about colorectal cancer and screening
- Factors that affect how and when patients get screened
- Detailed screening and surveillance guidelines based on personal and family history

Primary Care Providers will also learn:

- Why stool blood testing should be offered to patients
- The elements of high-quality stool testing, such as:
 - Selecting an effective test
 - Who should/should not be screened
 - Communicating effectively with patients
 - High-quality test handling and processing
 - Ensuring high test completion rates and follow-up after abnormal test results
- The role of the PCP in delivering high-quality colonoscopy, such as:
 - Safety issues to report to the endoscopist
 - Interpreting the endoscopy report
 - Questions to ask the endoscopists to be sure they are providing high-quality exams

Endoscopists will also learn:

- How to ensure high-quality colonoscopy, including:
 - Pre-procedure considerations for ensuring that colonoscopy is appropriate
 - Ways to achieve good bowel preparation
 - The elements required for complete reporting
 - Effective communication with referring providers and with patients
 - Monitoring quality indicators to improve performance