

## Cancer Screening Tip of the Month – May 2024

Toronto Central Regional Cancer Program, Cancer Screening eBulletin

### Expedited Colonoscopies for Abnormal FIT Results

**Patients should be referred to a hospital specialized in performing colonoscopies for abnormal FIT results**

Given the higher likelihood of advanced neoplasia (including colorectal cancer and high risk adenomas) in people with an abnormal result, certain dedicated hospitals have implemented intake processes to prioritize colonoscopies for FIT positive individuals. These hospitals:

- Prioritize patients with an abnormal FIT to ensure colonoscopies are completed within the recommended 8 week timeframe from an abnormal FIT result.
- Provide longer colonoscopy time slots to ensure that there is adequate time to properly manage complex colorectal lesions (tumours, polyps, etc.), decreasing the need for a repeat colonoscopy if any issues are found.
- Have appropriate equipment to manage complex colorectal lesions.
- Have endoscopists with the expertise and extra training to manage complex colorectal lesions.

For a list of hospitals funded by Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) to provide colonoscopies for patients with an abnormal FIT result click [here](#).

#### Where to Refer Patients with an Abnormal FIT Result in the Toronto Central Region:

Abnormal FIT Colonoscopy Hospital	Phone Number	Fax Number
Michael Garron Hospital, Toronto East Health Network	416-469-6580 Ext. 2113	416-469-6361
Sinai Health System - Mount Sinai Hospital	416-586-4800 Ext. 2099	416-586-4853
Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre	416-480-4318	416-480-4403
Unity Health Toronto - St. Joseph's Health Centre	416-530-6156	416-530-6299
Unity Health Toronto - St. Michael's Hospital	416-864-6060 Ext. 2765	416-864-5250
University Health Network - Toronto Western Hospital	416-603-5800 Ext. 5928	416-603-5039

Click [here](#) to access the FIT positive referral forms for each hospital.

For information regarding the colorectal cancer screening guidelines click [here](#).

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