

Cancer Screening Tip of the Month – March 2023

Toronto Central Regional Cancer Program, Cancer Screening eBulletin

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month (CCAM)

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. The Toronto Central Regional Cancer Program encourages you to talk to your eligible average risk patients who are 50 to 74 years old about the importance of getting checked with FIT every 2 years. Patients at increased risk of colorectal cancer (1 or more first-degree relatives diagnosed with colorectal cancer) should get screened with a colonoscopy starting at age 50, or 10 years earlier than the age their first-degree relative was diagnosed with colorectal cancer, whichever comes first. For more information click [here](#).

Helpful Tips and Tools to Support Colorectal Cancer Screening:

- ✓ **Did you know** there are tools available to **support contacting patients** who are overdue or due for colorectal cancer screening? Download sample scripts and other helpful resources [here](#).
- ✓ **Sign-up for Physician-Linked Correspondence (PLC)** to improve your patients' cancer screening participation. With your enrolment your screen-eligible patients will receive ColonCancerCheck invitation letters sent on your behalf. Click [here](#) for more information.
- ✓ **Register** for the ColonCancerCheck (CCC) **Patient Attachment** program. Earn \$150-\$230 for enrolling a new unattached patient who is at increased risk of colorectal cancer or has an abnormal FIT result (billing code Q043A). Click [here](#) for more information.
- ✓ **Bill Q150A (\$7) or Q152A (\$5)** for counselling your patients on doing FIT and for faxing a FIT requisition to LifeLabs. Click [here](#) for more information.
- ✓ **Sign-up for the Screening Activity Report (SAR)** to access a list of your patients who are overdue for colorectal cancer screening or require follow-up of an abnormal screening result. Click [here](#).
- ✓ **Access the referral forms** for the **abnormal FIT colonoscopy** hospitals in the Toronto Central region by clicking [here](#).
- ✓ **Check out the Toronto Central Regional Cancer Program website** for information and resources that span the cancer continuum by clicking [here](#).

Order **FREE** colorectal cancer screening posters, postcards or fact sheets to display in your office or clinic (shown below). Click [here](#) to place an order for print copies or contact info@TCcancerscreening.ca

The promotional materials include:

- Postcard #1:** Focuses on the FIT test being a free at-home test for eligible Ontarians. It includes a photo of a family and text about talking to a family doctor or nurse practitioner.
- Postcard #2:** Focuses on the fact that 9 out of 10 people can be cured if colon cancer is caught early. It includes a graphic of 10 people icons and text about getting checked.
- Poster #1:** Similar to Postcard #1, it highlights the FIT test and provides contact information for more details.
- Poster #2:** Similar to Postcard #2, it emphasizes the 9 out of 10 statistic and lists benefits of FIT testing.
- Fact Sheet:** Provides a comprehensive overview of colorectal cancer, including what it is, how it is screened, and who should get screened.

Questions? If you have any questions or if you would no longer like to receive the Cancer Screening Tip of the Month please email the Toronto Central Regional Cancer Program, Cancer Screening team: info@TCcancerscreening.ca