Colorectal Cancer (CRC) Screening
Best Practices Checklist

Do you...

☐ Have a point person assigned to assist with patient education and barriers to CRC screenings?

☐ Actively perform outreach to your patients?

☐ Run lists on populations eligible for CRC screenings?

☐ Have an electronic medical record (EMR) with a reminder/flag system set up for CRC screenings?

☐ Document stool-based testing/colonoscopy refusals?

☐ Offer stool-based testing as a choice?

☐ Discuss CRC screenings during pre-visit planning?

☐ Educate patients about CRC screenings?

☐ Assist with scheduling CRC screenings at times of referral?

☐ Provide bowel prep to patients before colonoscopy procedures?

☐ Perform reminder calls to patients for upcoming CRC screenings?

☐ Reschedule patients when CRC screening appointments are missed?

☐ Have a written policy stating preferred CRC screening methods?

☐ Follow up on colonoscopy refusals?

☐ Follow up on positive stool-based tests?

A point person can be a patient navigator, family health care work or health educator.

An EMR with a reminder/flag system can identify patients who have not received a CRC screening during both new and follow-up appointments. EMRs can also perform panel management.

Studies show that these practices will assist in reducing no-show appointments and inadequate bowel prep rates.