

Colorectal Cancer Screening Insurance Coverage

There are several reliable screening options covered by insurance. See below for more information. Talk to your doctor about the screening option that's right for you. Please make and keep your appointment to be screened. Then talk about your experience and encourage other people you know to be screened.

Oregon Health Plan: Screenings are fully covered with a doctor's recommendation.

Medicare: In accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as of September 23, 2010, all U.S. Preventive Services Task Force-recommended colorectal cancer screenings are fully covered at recommended intervals. This includes stool tests (FOBT or FIT), a flexible sigmoidoscopy and a colonoscopy.

Private Insurance: As you know, private insurance plans can differ widely. Many now cover colorectal cancer screening with no cost sharing, co-pays or deductibles.

Below are suggested questions for your patients to ask their health insurance providers to find out the details of their coverage:

- What will be my out-of-pocket costs for each colorectal cancer screening option?
- Do these costs differ depending on where the screening is performed?
- How often can I have each type of screening covered by my insurance?
- Are there any other costs I should know about before selecting my screening option?

Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act: As of September 23, 2010, all new health plans are required to cover all U.S. Preventive Services Task Force A and B level screening tests with no cost sharing, co-pays or deductible. This includes stool tests (FOBT or FIT), a flexible sigmoidoscopy and a colonoscopy.

(Learn more: www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf08/colocancer/colors.htm)

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