



Colorectal cancer screening initiative

Mercy Care would like to partner with our primary care providers beginning in June 2019 to improve the rate of members being screened for colorectal cancer. The PCPs of members between 50-75 years of age who, by review of claims, haven't received an appropriate colorectal cancer screening in the recommended timeframe will be receiving a letter and Fecal Immunochemical test (FIT) order form. The Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) is one of the least invasive screening methods, offering an additional opportunity for members to meet compliance.

The FIT test requires:

- Little preparation by the member
- Only one specimen sample
- No dietary modifications or limitations
- No medication modifications or limitations

Appropriate screenings are defined as:

- **Fecal occult blood test (FOBT)** or **Guaiac (gFOBT)** or **Immunochemical (iFOBT)** during the calendar year.
- **Flexible sigmoidoscopy** during the calendar year or the four years prior.
- **Colonoscopy** during the calendar year or the nine years prior.
- **CT Colonography** during the calendar year or the four years prior.
- **FIT-DNA** during the calendar year or the two years prior

We'd like you to take this opportunity to discuss the different screening options with these members to help determine which colorectal cancer screening is right for them.

If the FIT screening is the appropriate method for your patient, you can return the signed FIT order form by the deadline outlined in the letter. We look forward to your assistance in ensuring our members are screened in an effort to help save lives.