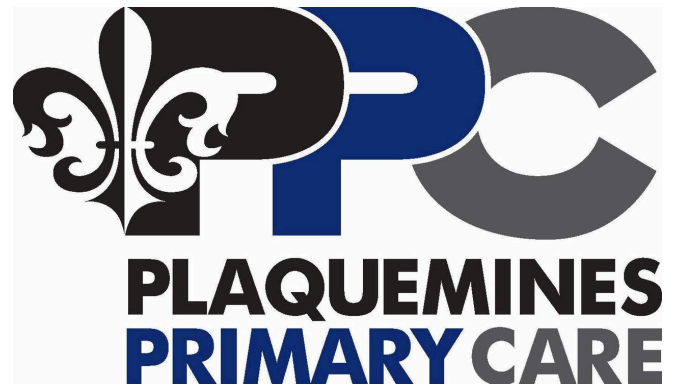


# HOW WE DID IT!

Plaquemines Primary Care (PPC), FQHC partnered with Screen Up to increase their Colorectal Cancer Screening (CRC) rates in 2023-2024. In one year, PPC increased its CRC screening rate by **11.8%** and its FIT/Cologuard return rate by **18.6%**! This was achieved by implementing the evidence-based interventions of patient reminders and provider reminders. By working together, the team established a CRC screening workflow and identified several electronic health records (E.H.R) issues. Using the provided grant funding, PPC optimized their E.H.R. receiving support and training from Athena representatives. During training, they better identified patients due for screening and captured adequate screening results. In June, their provider champion, Dr. Maria Cartagena, was selected to attend the Southeastern Colorectal Cancer Consortium, where she gained a deeper insight and innovative ideas to further increase CRC screening for the PPC patient population in the future.



## Increasing Colorectal Cancer Screening through Evidence-Based Intervention!



### Patient Reminders

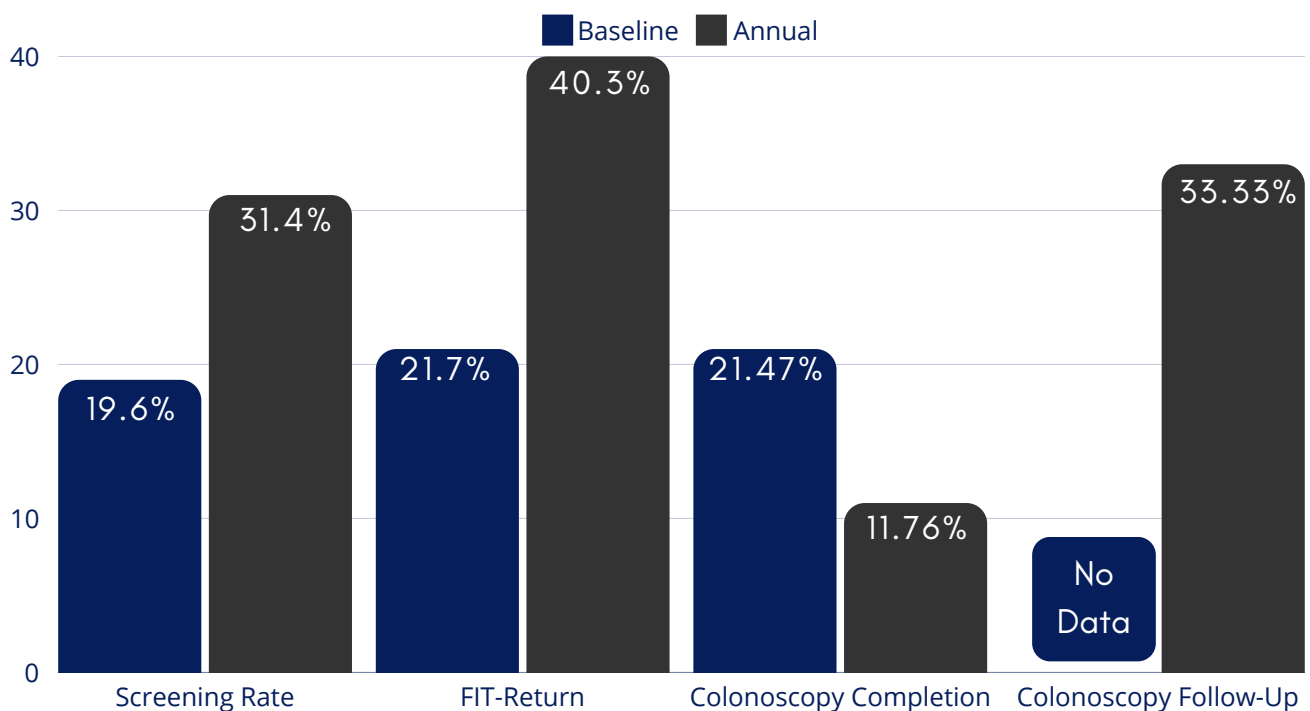
CRC screening reminders are sent to patients via mailed postcards. Additionally, patients with a FIT or Cologuard order are reminded to complete their test via phone call.



### Provider Reminders

Providers conduct chart reviews every morning to assess patients' eligibility for CRC screening. Additionally, the provider has a daily huddle to discuss CRC screening priorities with their team.

## COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING RATE



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