



## COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING SAVES LIVES

**Colorectal cancer (CRC) rates are higher in your area than in the rest of the state.** Visit the [Louisiana Tumor Registry](#) to learn more and understand the disparities in your parish.

- ✓ **Screening and early detection are key!** CRC is preventable and very treatable if found early.
- ✓ **Screening starts at age 45 and continues to age 75 for average-risk patients.**
- ✓ **Providers are key to increasing screening rates.** A provider recommendation is the strongest predictor of screening completion.

Below are steps your clinic can take to improve CRC screening rates and links to additional information.

1. **Know your clinic screening rate** and who is eligible for screening, including high-risk individuals.
2. **Ensure patients get the screenings they need.** Designate someone in your clinic to track patients through to screening completion and follow-up colonoscopy, if needed.
3. **Build relationships** with GI providers in your area to facilitate referrals to screening and follow-up colonoscopy.
4. **[Engage in shared decision-making.](#)** Whether it's a FIT test or a colonoscopy, patients deserve to know their screening options.
5. Educate patients. Access [free resources](#) for your clinic to educate patients.
6. **Implement evidence-based interventions (EBIs).** Convene a team to [assess readiness](#) and [implement EBIs](#) to improve screening rates and reduce [structural barriers](#).

Would you like customized support to help increase your clinic's CRC screening rates? We are here to help. Contact **Cara McCarthy**, [cmcc12@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:cmcc12@lsuhsc.edu) for more information.

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