

NCCRT Policy Action Strategic Priority Team

*Annual Meeting Session Planning
September 29, 2022
1:00-2:00pm ET*





Welcome!

Please share:

→ *Your name*

→ *Where you're from*

→ *Which organization you represent*

→ *Who's joining us in November?*

Today's Objective: *Prepare for our in-person meeting*

- Give a brief overview of the Policy Action Team
- Review our top takeaways from the 2021 virtual SPT meeting
- Share activity highlights from the past year
- Recap and build on our discussions following the Blue Star Conversation held June 6th
- Discuss potential project ideas for 2023
- Leave with a list of identified tasks to bring to our in-person meeting.



2022 NCCRT Annual Meeting

Date: November 16-18th, 2022

Location: Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel, Baltimore, MD

Meeting Information & Agenda: <https://nccrt.org/event/nccrt-annual-meeting-2022/>

Policy Action Strategic Priority Team Meeting:

Wednesday, November 16th, from 3:30pm-5:00pm ET

Policy Action Strategic Priority Team

Chair:

Heather Dacus, DO, MPH

Director, Bureau of Cancer Prevention and Control; New York State

Co-Chair: TBD

Charge: *To identify opportunities where the NCCRT can educate on or engage in the day's emerging and pressing policy questions around colorectal cancer screening.*



80% in Every Community

80% in Every Community is an NCCRT initiative that continues the progress and commitment from 80% by 2018, and reemphasizes our dedication to partnership, collective action, and the pooling of resources to reach 80% colorectal cancer screening rates nationally.

Strategic Focus Areas:

1. Assess and Build Capacity in Communities
2. Catalyze Healthcare Systems
3. Mobilize at Public Touch Points
4. Break Down Policy Barriers



Purpose of our Strategic Priority Teams

- Promote dialogue around emerging topics and areas of interest of NCCRT
- Develop project ideas related to our priority areas
- Identify topics for NCCRT Blue Star Conversations
- Members participate on Advisory Committees for projects pulled from these interest areas
- Assist with dissemination of resources and relevant information
- Identify opportunities to promote the work of NCCRT

Aligning Our Priorities: 80% in Every Community Strategic Plan

Focus Areas	Assess and Build Capacity in Communities	Mobilize at Public Touchpoints	Catalyze Health Care Systems	Break Down Policy Barriers
Strategic Priority Teams	<div data-bbox="764 1028 1223 1113">Public Awareness & Social Media</div> <div data-bbox="764 1128 1223 1220">PEPI: Community Stakeholders</div> <div data-bbox="1248 1028 1694 1113">Family History & Early-Age Onset</div> <div data-bbox="1503 906 1885 999">Community Health Centers</div> <div data-bbox="1503 1128 1885 1220">PEPI: Health Systems & Providers</div>			<div data-bbox="1974 649 2369 863">Policy Action</div>



Aligning Our Priorities: *Breaking Down Policy Barriers*

- Addressing both big “P” and little “p” policies
- With effective policy, legislative, and regulatory changes, we can make CRC screening more affordable and accessible as a nation and in our local communities.
- Many stakeholders can play a role in improving public health policies, whether those changes occur in the public, government sector or in a private, institutional setting.

The infographic is titled "BREAK DOWN POLICY BARRIERS" and is part of the "80% IN EVERY COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN". It features the National Colorectal Cancer Research Alliance (NCCRA) logo and the "80%" logo. The main heading is "BREAK DOWN POLICY BARRIERS". Below this, there are three sections: "Why is this focus area important?", "What are the characteristics of an 80% community?", and "Who are the key stakeholders?".

80% IN EVERY COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN  

BREAK DOWN POLICY BARRIERS

Why is this focus area important?

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What are the characteristics of an 80% community?

- Policy loopholes are closed so that colonoscopies required to follow-up a positive non-colonoscopy result are defined and coded as screening, and waived fees for screening colonoscopies include all related costs.
- State-based and managed Medicaid reimbursement rates are made comparable to Medicare.
- Implement required quality measures and reporting on timely colonoscopy follow-up for positive non-colonoscopy screening result (e.g. ICD, HEDIS).
- Promote Medicaid expansion and/or other state-based screening access programs.

Who are the key stakeholders?

- Policymakers
- Government agencies
- Health plans
- Accrediting agencies
- Professional societies
- Healthcare systems leaders
- Employers and industry
- Survivor and advocacy organizations

To help you get started, please visit nccrt.org/resource-center

Team Takeaways from 2021 Policy Action SPT Meeting

Identified Policy Issues & Barriers

- Lack of funding for state CRC screening programs
- Federal policies for coverage of colonoscopy following an abnormal stool test to compliment state-level work
- Interpretation of new USPSTF Guideline language indicating that a follow up colonoscopy is part of the screening continuum.
- Working with state Medicaid programs to ensure all screening options are available to Medicaid beneficiaries.
- Work to better understanding measures (HEDIS, Medicare Star Ratings, and the Adult Core Set) relating to CRC screening and how they intersect.

What can this group do?

- NCCRT and the Policy Action Team can support members focusing on policy issues.
 - How do we learn which key policy issues our members are focusing on?
 - Are there other small p policy barriers we haven't recognized?
 - Can we create a resource for states wanting to work on CRC-related policy issues to help support their efforts?
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2022 Activity Highlight: Blue Star Conversation

This presentation was an opportunity for NCCRT members to connect with the Policy Action Team, learn about screening measures, and have a thoughtful discussion potential opportunities and challenges.

Session Objectives:

1. Provide an overview of what it means to be a measure stewardess and CRC screening measures
2. Review recent changes to the HEDIS CRC Screening measure and implementation timeline
3. Review how changes to measures are made and how NCCRT members can be engaged in this process

NCCRT Presents:

Blue Star Conversations

Join the NCCRT's upcoming **Blue Star Conversation**, an interactive, virtual program hosted by the Policy Action Strategic Priority Team.

Demystifying Colorectal Cancer Screening Quality Measures: A Conversation with NCQA's Mary Barton

**Tuesday, June 7, 2022
Noon to 1:00 PM ET**

Registration: nccrt.org/events

Mary Barton, MD, MPP
Vice President, Performance Measurement at NCQA

Facilitated by: Heather Dacus, DO, MPH
Bureau of Cancer Prevention and Control/NYS Dept. of Health Co-Chair, Policy Action Strategic Priority Team

NATIONAL Colorectal Cancer FOUNDATION

80% **80% of Americans are up to date on colorectal cancer screening**

American Cancer Society®

In-Person Strategic Priority Team Meeting Objectives

- Dedicate time to team building and getting reacquainted
- Deliver a short recap of this call
- Spend the majority of our time discussing activities to focus on in the upcoming year
- Develop a plan to reconvene virtually after the New Year to finalize workplan

Potential Topics for Discussion

1. Produce a landscape analysis or publish a short policy brief on recent policy changes.
2. Develop a task list for states.
3. Pull together case examples from state-level groups (Comp Cancers) to highlight successes and learn where challenges remain.
4. Create a plan to understand Medicaid incentives.
5. Learn from the other SPTs or the Steering Committee if they have identify other policy issues we may be missing.



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