

Professional Education & Practice Implementation



Strategic Priority Workshop
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Today's Agenda Items

- 1 Welcome & Introductions
- 2 Session Overview
- 3 Level Setting & Background
- 4 Group Discussion
- 5 Next Steps

Priority Team Objectives:

To identify and share promising implementation strategies by healthcare organizations to help clinicians and practice teams to improve colorectal cancer screening rates.

Today's Workshop Objectives:

1. Discuss and understand barriers to completing follow-up colonoscopy in health systems.
2. Solicit this group's input on how to best solution on improving follow-up colonoscopy access.
3. Leave with three tangible ideas the Roundtable can use to develop tools, resources, or learning opportunities to reduce barriers to colonoscopy follow-up.

Ice Breaker

1. Name
2. Organization
3. *What would you like to see come out of this discussion today?*

Large Group: Ensuring Suitable Access to Follow Up Colonoscopy

Timely Follow-Up Colonoscopy: What is it and why is it important?

- What is “timely follow-up colonoscopy and why is it important?”
- How it works in an ideal state

Challenges

- Understanding capacity (colonoscopy for screening vs stool-based test first strategy) and the need for triaging patients to colonoscopy if capacity is limited
- Equity issue (demographics of pts who get initial screen by non-colonoscopy tests, disparities in demographic differences between groups with timely or late follow up)

ACS NCCRT's 2026–2029 & Priority Areas

We are dedicated to reducing **colorectal cancer mortality & mortality disparities** by focusing our efforts around these five priority areas:

1

MOBILIZE

national and community-level efforts that will lead to health equity across the colorectal cancer continuum.

2

IMPROVE

timely action for early-age onset colorectal cancer signs and symptoms.

3

SUPPORT

on-time screening as soon as eligible and continued participation per screening recommendations.

4

PROMOTE

timely colonoscopy follow-up to positive (abnormal) non-colonoscopy tests.

5

IDENTIFY

areas to ensure timely initiation of quality colorectal cancer treatment.

NCCRT Priority 4: Promote timely colonoscopy follow-up to positive (abnormal) non-colonoscopy tests

Outcomes

- Increased EBIs, best practices and systems policies to improve timely follow-up colonoscopy
- Increased purposeful engagement with diverse member organizations
- Increased implementation of best practices and EBI's to improve timely follow-up colonoscopy, with the goal to reach 80%
- Improved monitoring of timely follow-up colonoscopy
- Improved care delivery targeting communities and populations of need
- Improved timely access to quality care

NCCRT Priority 4: Promote timely colonoscopy follow-up to positive (abnormal) non-colonoscopy tests

Activities

- Support adoption of follow-up colonoscopy HEDIS measure
- Work with partner organizations to collect and disseminate promising practices to increase timely follow-up colonoscopy rates
- Promote reduction in inequities to follow-up colonoscopy

Priority 4 (Follow-up): Proposed Activities

Support adoption of follow-up colonoscopy HEDIS measure *(pt/prof education; systems, practice and policy change)* :

- Align efforts to promote early adoption of the measure
 - Promote upcoming HEDIS measure through targeted trainings and informational sessions
 - Develop tools to assist with adoption (e.g. clinicians' brief on timely colonoscopy follow up, webinars, ECHO)
 - Partner with clinical professional organizations to disseminate and implement tools (primary care, GI societies, CRC surgeons, HCCNs)
 - Identify additional resources needed in FQHC and safety net systems to implement the new measures
- Advocate for inclusion in U.S. Multi-Society Task Force on CRC (MSTF) & NCCN CRC screening guidelines updates (MSTF update expected 2026)

Work with partner organizations to collect and disseminate promising practices to increase timely follow-up colonoscopy rates *(systems, practice and policy change; research/evidence building)* :

- Package and publish established risk model, method for triaging patients (to ensure timely follow up & minimized wait times)
- Develop a state-level cost/impact analysis that demonstrates cost savings and lives saved by reaching 80% follow-up colonoscopy target
- Promote tailored messaging related to the implications and need for follow-up after receiving a positive (abnormal) stool-based test result

Promote reduction in inequities to follow-up colonoscopy *(systems, practice and policy change)* :

- Identify gaps within the framework of tracking follow-up colonoscopies that inhibit health systems from reaching higher rates
- Create, share, and promote needed resources related to implementation and gaps to reach higher rates
- Explore ways to promote promising practices in navigation that support follow-up colonoscopy completion

Questions?

Breakout Activity

Small-Group Discussion (30 minutes)

Activity: Split into 3 Groups (Adoption of follow-up HEDIS, Collect & disseminate promising practices, & Reduce inequities) to brainstorm which topics would be most relevant to discuss at the summit.

1. Each group discusses activities that would be a good fit for the Roundtable and its members to implement to reduce barriers to timely colonoscopy follow-up (e.g. develop tools, resources, or learning opportunities) Affinity exercise to group like topics:
 - Group representative will help to collect and consolidate with the group's feedback
 - Rewrite if necessary to clarify and consolidate similar topics
 - End with top recommendations to share back with larger group
3. Identify your group's top two ideas

Large Group Discussion (10 minutes)

Activity: *Share top topic recommendations from each breakout group. Solicit and incorporate additional feedback.*

Breakout groups report back and offer feedback

1. 3- min- Report back from each group
2. 5 min- Prioritize the top 3 overall topic ideas through dot vote

Next Steps & Close