ACG clinical guidelines: colorectal cancer screening 2021.

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Overview

Guideline Objective

To update the 2009 American College of Gastroenterology colorectal cancer (CRC) screening guideline, based on new evidence regarding enhancing screening adherence, newer methods for CRC screening, and evidence to support the efficacy of screening

Patient Population

Men and women age 40 years and older

Recommendations

Recommendation Statements

Major interventions covered in this guideline include:

- Screening based on age and risk factors, including testing modalities and intervals

- Guidance on use of low-dose aspirin
- Considerations for strategies to improve screening adherence

Note: Full recommendation statements have not been provided because this guideline does not meet EGT's systematic review of the evidence criteria. Refer to the original guideline for more information.

Evidence Rating Scheme

Refer to the original guideline documentation for more information.

Recommendation Rating Scheme

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Related Content

Supporting Documents

- Supplementary Material 1: Systematic Review Research.
- Supplementary Material 2: 2021 Changes from 2009.
- American College of Gastroenterology Practice Parameters Committee ACG Guideline Creation Process.

Implementation Tools

- Continuing Medical Education (CME).
- Podcast.
- ACG Mobile App.

Patient Education

- Colorectal Cancer.
- Patient Brochures:
    - Colorectal Cancer: You Can Prevent It.
    - 45 is the New 50: You Can Prevent Colorectal Cancer.
    - Learn About Your Screening Options for Colorectal Cancer.

Note: This patient information is intended to help patients better understand their health and their diagnosed disorders. Patients and their representatives should still consult with a licensed health care professional for evaluation of treatment options as well as answers to their personal medical questions.

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