

# Comparison of guidelines for colorectal cancer screening methods and intervals

Guideline	Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care, 2001		Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care, current		U.S. Preventive Services Task Force; draft, 2015	
Age group and recommendation	>50 yr	Screen	50–59 yr	Screen (weak)	50–75 yr	Screen (grade A)
			60–74 yr	Screen (strong)	76–80 yr	Conditional screen (grade C)
			>75 yr	Do not screen (weak)		
Modality and interval	gFOBT or FIT	Every 1 or 2 yr (grade A)	gFOBT or FIT	Every 2 yr	gFOBT or FIT	Every year
	Flexible sigmoidoscopy	Every 5 yr	Flexible sigmoidoscopy	Every 10 yr	Flexible sigmoidoscopy	Every 10 yr plus FIT every year
	Colonoscopy	Insufficient evidence to include or exclude (grade C)	Colonoscopy	Do not recommend	Colonoscopy	Every 10 yr

FIT=fecal immunochemical testing; gFOBT=guaiac fecal occult blood testing. Chart reproduced with permission from *CMAJ*. **Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care.** Recommendations on screening for colorectal cancer in primary care. *CMAJ*. 2016;188:340-8. [PMID: 26903355] doi:10.1503/cmaj.151125. Copyright 2016, Public Health Agency of Canada.