

CRITERIA FOR A CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM

CONDITION

- The cancer is a health problem whose growth is known.
- The cancer can be found before a person has symptoms.

TREATMENT

- There needs to be a treatment that works well and gives the person a better result.

TEST

- The test is easy to do, safe, reliable and acceptable to the public.
- The test can find the health problem before symptoms show.
- The test overall reduces the number of people who die from the health problem.

PROGRAM COST

- The cost of the test itself and all related processes needs to be reasonable.
- The cost of having a screening program has to be balanced with other needs.
- All eligible people should have equal access to the test.