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Colorectal Cancer: Screening

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Recommendation Summary

Summary of Recommendations

Population	Recommendation	Grade (What's This?)
Adults, beginning at age 50 years and continuing until age 75 years	The USPSTF recommends screening for colorectal cancer using fecal occult blood testing, sigmoidoscopy, or colonoscopy in adults, beginning at age 50 years and continuing until age 75 years. The risks and benefits of these screening methods vary.	A
Adults age 76 to 85 years	The USPSTF recommends against routine screening for colorectal cancer in adults 76 to 85 years of age. There may be considerations that support colorectal cancer screening in an individual patient.	C
Adults older than age 85 years	The USPSTF recommends against screening for colorectal cancer in adults older than age 85 years.	D
Computed Tomographic Colonography and Fecal DNA testing as screening modalities	The USPSTF concludes that the evidence is insufficient to assess the benefits and harms of computed tomographic colonography and fecal DNA testing as screening modalities for colorectal cancer.	I

This topic page summarizes the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommendations on screening for colorectal cancer.

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- [Evaluating Test Strategies for Colorectal Cancer Screening: A Decision Analysis for the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force](#)
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- [Final Evidence Summary](#)
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Related Information for Consumers

There is no related information for consumers.

Related Information for Health Professionals

- [Colorectal Cancer Screening Toolkit from the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable](#)



- [Recommendations from The Community Preventive Services Task Force on Promoting Cancer Screening](#) 
- [Screening for Colorectal Cancer - Clinical Summary of USPSTF Recommendation, 2008](#)
- [Cancer Control P.L.A.N.E.T.](#) 

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