

Referral Form to Colorectal Cancer Screening Program

FOR HIGH RISK PATIENTS ONLY

A guide for referring physicians

The Colorectal Cancer Screening Program (CCSP) aims to save lives by improving access to colorectal cancer screening exams for those at increased risk. As the referring physician, you may use the attached form to refer patients to the CCSP at The Ottawa Hospital, Queensway Carleton Hospital or the Montfort Hospital.

Once the referral is received at the hospital, patients will be scheduled to have a colonoscopy performed by one of the program physicians. The hospital will communicate directly with the referred patients to educate them about the procedure and the scheduled procedure date.

REFERRAL FORM INSTRUCTIONS:

Indication for the referral

The Colorectal Cancer Screening Program is only applicable to patients who require colonoscopy screening due to a positive Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT), or a colorectal cancer diagnosis in at least one first degree relative (parent, sibling, child).

Those being referred to the program with a family history of colorectal cancer should be at least 50 years of age OR ten years younger than the age at which their first degree relative was diagnosed - whichever is younger.

All other referrals for colonoscopy must be referred directly to the gastroenterologist or surgeon of your choosing.

Note: NO direct referral to any one of the program gastroenterologists or surgeons will be permitted using this program referral form.

Significant medical history

It is important that **all significant and relevant patient medical history be provided on the referral form**. If the answer is “Yes” to any of the pre-existing conditions, the patient will be assessed for medical readiness by the physician performing the colonoscopy prior to their scheduled procedure date.

All test results will be forwarded to the referring physician.

If you have any questions about the CCSP, please contact ColonCancerCheck at 1-866-662-9233 or on the web site at colorectalcancerscreening@cancercare.on.ca