

SNAPSHOT

Improving Colorectal Cancer Screening Rates in North Dakota

A guick look at tips, tools, and updates for CRC Screening improvement



DID YOU KNOW THAT LEONARDO DA VINCI BELIEVED THE INTESTINES HELPED YOU BREATHE?

Leonardo mistakenly believed the digestive system aided respiratory function. In 1490, he wrote in his unpublished notebooks, "The compressed intestines with the condensed air which is generated in them, thrust the diaphragm upwards; the diaphragm compresses the lungs and expresses the air." While that isn't anatomically accurate, it is true that the opening of the lungs is helped by the relaxation of stomach muscles, which does draw down the diaphragm. Source: https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/501971/12-intriguing-facts-about-intestines

SHOUT-OUTS

- Yahoo! Nine of the twenty-four Turn ND Blue Contest submissions were from ScreeND Teams!
- Nice work, First Care Health Center ScreeND Team, who held a guiz during the month of March which raised money for Live Like Rach! Prizes were awarded to winners.
- Kudos to Quentin N. Burdick Memorial Health Care Facility and their unique partnership between the clinic and public health. They were recently invited to provide services during parent teacher conferences where they did immunizations and offered CRC stool based testing, along with education. They also did an employee challenge during CRC Awareness Month to encourage staff to be screened.
- Congratulations to South Central Health as they have resumed colonoscopy screenings in house with a new surgeon!

- Our compliments to the Standing Rock Service Unit on their successful Men's Health Event held during CRC Awareness Month in two locations to encourage screening
- Hats off to St. Kateri Clinic for their tracking and follow-up plan utilizing a binder – a copy of the orders goes into the binder and is followed with reminder calls and letters until completed. "It doesn't come out of the book until it can be recorded in the EHR"!
- Way to go, Towner County Medical Center, who after running a list of uninsured patients, and sent NDCRCSI information to each one who had not been screened for
- Salute to Unity Medical Center who are being mindful to F): • develop relationships with the life skills and transition centers in Grafton to offer CRC Screening as appropriate to this specific patient population.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NDSRSCI Orientation Office Hours

(Orientation/Q&A for providers, staff, reception, billing, etc. All are invited!)

- Wednesday, May 22 | 3-3:30 pm Wednesday, June 5 | 12-12:30 pm Monday, June 17 | 1-1:30 pm Thursday, July 11 | 4-4:30 pm

- Tuesday, July 23 | 10-10:30 am
- Wednesday, August 7 | 8-8:30 am Friday, August 23 | 9-9:30 am

Meeting Link: Click Here

- May 20-23: 2024 National Tribal Health Conference: Rapid City, SD. Register
- June 4-6: Dakota Conference on Rural and Public Health: Grand Forks, ND. Register
- June 25 & 26: 2024 ND Cancer Coalition and ND Colorectal Cancer Roundtable Annual Meetings. Register

"IT'S HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHY RATES LAG WITH COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING, IT IS SO EASY TO DO NOW."

Trevor Stavig, FNP, Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center and Clinics.

FEATURED RESOURCE

Health Equity Discussions Lead to New Tools and Resources

Read the full report here



Help us reach our goal of 80 participants in the **ND Colorectal Cancer Roundtable meeting!**

DASHBOARD

ScreeND overall 90 day Adherence Rate for completion of Cologuard:

ScreeND overall % positive rate for Cologuard:

NEWS

The Impact of the affordable care act and Medicaid expansion on colorectal cancer screening: Evidence from the 5th year of Medicaid expansion.

Preston MA, Amoli MM, Chukmaitov AS, Krist AH, Dahman B Medicaid expansion was found to be associated with increased colorectal cancer screening rates among low-income individuals aged 50-64. Read the full article here.

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