

SNAPSHOT

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



The Dragonflies are out!
 The dragonfly cancer ribbon image is a symbol that combines the meanings of both the dragonfly and the cancer ribbon. The cancer ribbon is used to raise awareness about specific types of cancers – blue for CRC. The dragonfly, on the other hand is often seen as a symbol of power, courage, strength, and unity.
[14 Fun Facts about Dragonflies](#)

Happy Summer!

SHOUT-OUTS

📢 Congratulations to **Mountrail County Medical Center** in Stanley for achieving the BRONZE Milestone; **South Central Health clinics** in Wishek, Napoleon and Kulm for achieving the PLATINUM Milestone; and **McKenzie Health** in Watford City for achieving the SILVER Milestone!

DATA

Occasionally clinics are hesitant to submit data that they are unsure is accurate. Truth is any data is better than nothing. We can drill down and find missing data if we know what data is there.

"Errors using inadequate data are much less than those using no data at all."

Charles Babbage
 mathematician, philosopher, inventor, and mechanical engineer



P2P SHARING

"Ultimately the secret of quality is love...If you have love, you can then work backward to monitor and improve the system."
 (HQ Solutions, 2022)

FEATURED RESOURCES

How to Talk to Your Insurance Provider

When people are concerned about out-of-pocket costs for CRC screening, we often tell them to "call the number on the back of your card". But how do they know what to say? We have now developed a new resource to help them confidently prepare and speak to their insurance provider. Find the new resource [here!](#)

Holding an upcoming CRC Awareness event, health fair or clinic promo? Find swag!

- [Oriental Trading](#)
- [Zazzle](#)
- [Amazon:](#)
- [ebay](#)
- [CRC Awareness](#)
- [Etsy](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

ND Cancer Coalition: Special Meeting for Bylaw Changes
 August 7 | 1-2:30 pm CT
 Bylaw proposals can be found [here](#)

Braidwood vs Becerra

By Jonathan Gardner

Finally, some news regarding this case! The appeals court has issued their recommendations. It's an incredibly long, drawn out affair, but in summary:

1. Only the defendants in this case are not required to enforce the preventive-care mandates that they specifically objected to. This also means that any health insurance provider within the 5th Circuit (Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi) may not be legally required to provide the preventative coverage recommended by the USPSTF since 2010.
2. The universal "reversal" of the USPSTF guidelines since 2010 is not justified and will not take place. This is what we were hoping for!
3. Further proceedings will take place, because a judgement has been made that questions the authority of the USPSTF members. As of this appeal, they are considered legally officers of the government, but they were not appointed by the POTUS. The case also addresses ACIP and HRSA recommended services, but those are still under review and can still be challenged. I suspect that means that a process must be put in place to allow the president to appoint the officers of the Task Force, and also a process to allow removals and reversals. I'm not sure if this means decisions by the Task Force will be on hold until these additional proceedings are made, but I don't think that is the case.

A lot more can still come of this, but we made it past the first big hurdle. 😊

Guardant Health's Shield™ Blood Test Approved by FDA as a Primary Screening Option, Clearing Path for Medicare Reimbursement and a New Era of Colorectal Cancer Screening
 July 29, 2024 | Read the full article [here](#)

Beverly Greenwald, current chair of the ND Cancer Coalition and colorectal cancer screening champion, was published this week! Read her article, [Spread the Word: No Amount of Alcohol is Safe!](#)

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