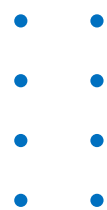




Improving Colorectal Cancer Screening Rates in North Dakota

# SNAPSHOT

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



Did you know that the definition for Cancer Survivor recently changed? In the past the definition only included people who were cancer-free for a specific amount of time after their diagnosis. However, an individual is now considered a cancer survivor from the time of diagnosis through the balance of life. According to the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, it includes those living with cancer and those free of cancer. It is meant to capture a population of those with a history of cancer rather than to provide a label that may or may not resonate with individuals.

**Words!** I have been enjoying this new-to-me word, **Petrichor**, this week and it's beautiful definition. It is one of my favorite smells. I hope you enjoy it too.

Each clinic team was sent their individual system Screenshot Annual Report last week. We encourage you to share your report with your leadership including your clinic or health system board and your staff. A special thank you to Jonathan Gardner for compiling and analyzing the data and creating each report.

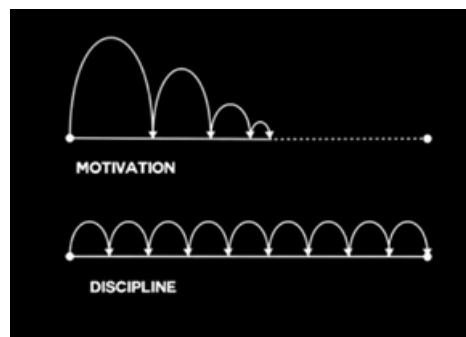
## SCREEND ANNUAL REPORTS!

## SHOUT-OUTS

**Shout out to Mountrail County Medical Center (Stanley, ND)** on achieving the SILVER milestone! This team has been amazing to work with and has a 34.65% relative improvement over the last 12 months to show for their hard work.

**Congratulations to Unity Medical Center (Grafton, ND)** for achieving the PLATINUM milestone! This team has worked extremely intentionally to surpass a 70% screening rate in their two clinic locations.

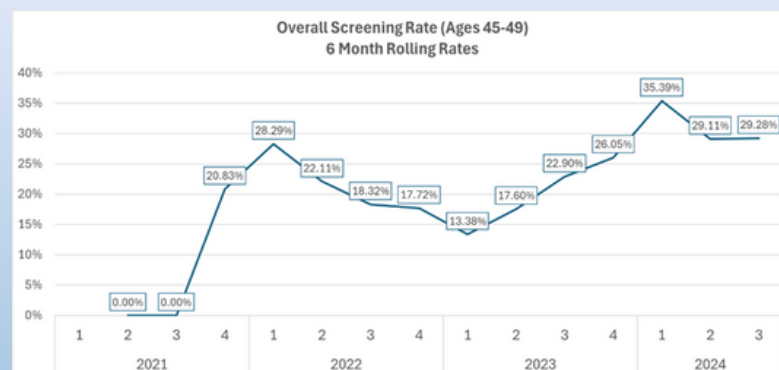
**Our compliments to St. Luke's Medical Center in Crosby, ND** on their achievement of the Gold Milestone! Read more on how they accomplished a 46% improvement in their screening rate over the last two years in their [Success Story!](#)



Despite our beliefs, the major obstacle that stands between seeing those things come to fruition or not doesn't lie in the adversity that we face – but rather on the discipline we must execute to see things through to the end. (Sarah Kristenson, 2/14/2023)

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## DASHBOARD



Across all participating clinics, only about 1 of 4 people aged 45-49 have been screened for colorectal cancer. In contrast, almost 3 or 4 people over the age of 50 are up-to-date on screening across North Dakota. Looking to improve your screening rate quickly? Target this population!

## FEATURED RESOURCES



**Big Mike's Bottom Line:** A small, nonprofit community committed to straight talk about colorectal cancer, its consequences, and way to prevent it from impacting your family.

**New Member Resource:** Cancer Screening in Tribal Communities Listening Session Guide  
The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors  
Created and Shared the Guide [Learn More](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NDCRCI Office Hours

[Join Meeting](#)

Wed, Nov 6 | 12:30 pm

Wed, Dec 4 | 12:30 pm

Wed, Dec 18 | 9 am

### ScreenD Evaluation Survey

Please be watching your email on November 14th for a link to the ScreenD Evaluation Survey, which will help us determine the best strategies for the final 6 months of the ScreenD contract as we move toward sustainability.

## NEWS

### The U.S. Food and Drug Administration Approved a New Test to Screen for CRC

ACS NCCRT Corporate Associate Exact Sciences Produces the Test.

Last week, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration [approved a next generation multitarget stool DNA test](#) for average-risk screening that screens for both colorectal cancer (CRC) and precancer. The Cologuard Plus™ test, developed by Exact Sciences, is now approved for adults age 45 or older who are at average risk for CRC and is expected to be available in 2025. Learn more about the performance characteristics of the test in this [New England Journal of Medicine publication](#).

The 2024 [ACS NCCRT Annual Meeting](#) will feature a panel on the state of the science of current and emerging CRC screening tests. We look forward to engaging our members in discussion around what this approval and other recent CRC test developments mean for the landscape of CRC screening.

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