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# **Colorectal Cancer Screening System Level Indicators: Data Specifications**

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## Indicator 1a: Screen-Eligible Population Based Participation Rate

<b>Definition</b>	Proportion of the screen-eligible population who successfully completed $\geq$ one fecal test (FT) in the program within the measurement timeframe, as defined by the duration of the 24-month screening cycle plus 6 months grace period.
<b>Target</b>	$\geq$ 60% of the screen-eligible population within the defined 24-month screening cycle
<b>Measurement Timeframe</b>	Jan 1, 2017 – Dec 31, 2018
<b>Stratification Variables</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age at FT (50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74)</li> <li>• Gender (male, female)</li> <li>• Optional: Geography (Urban, Rural, Rural-remote, Rural-very remote)</li> </ul>
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of individuals who <b>successfully</b> completed $\geq$ one FT in the program within a 30-month period (24-month screening cycle plus 6 months grace period: Jan 1, 2017 to Jun 30, 2019)
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of individuals in the screen-eligible population within measurement timeframe
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Age at FT is the age of the individual at FT laboratory result, which will be used for age break down. Date of FT result refers to the date the laboratory has processed the sample (date of result).</p> <p>Only count one FT per individual per screening cycle; if more than one FT has been completed, use the most severe test for entering the cohort (e.g. if an individual has a normal and abnormal result for the same measurement timeframe, use the abnormal result); if more than one abnormal FT in the measurement timeframe, use the first one as the index for entering the cohort, if more than one normal FT in the measurement timeframe, use the most recent.</p> <p>The numerator excludes individuals who have only an inadequate FT; if an individual has an adequate and an inadequate FT, use the adequate FT.</p> <p>The denominator will be provided by the program and be calculated to identify the population of screen-eligible individuals within the measurement timeframe; use the best rule as per provincial program. If the province uses the population data from Statistics Canada CANSIM projections, we suggest you take the average of July 1, 2017 and July 1, 2018 populations as the denominator.</p> <p>Geography refers to individual's place of residence or mailing address. Use the most recent version of PCCF+ (e.g. v7b) to perform the analysis by geography. If other methodology is used, describe the details and data limitations in the 'Data Qualification Notes' section in the template.</p> <p>The categories (urban/rural/rural remote/rural very remote) are classified based on the CSIZEMIZ (Community size and metropolitan influence zone) variable from PCCF+:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1, 2, 3, 4: urban</li> <li>5: rural</li> <li>6: remote rural</li> <li>7: very remote rural</li> </ul>

## Indicator 1b: Screening Program Participation Rate (Participation Rate Among Those Invited to Screen)

<b>Definition</b>	Proportion of the eligible population invited to screen who successfully completed $\geq$ one FT in the program within the measurement timeframe of 30 months
<b>Target</b>	n/a
<b>Measurement Timeframe</b>	Jan 1, 2017 – Dec 31, 2018
<b>Stratification Variables</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age at FT (50-54, 55-59, 60 – 64, 65-69, 70-74)</li> <li>• Gender (male, female)</li> <li>• Optional: Geography (Urban, Rural, Rural-remote, Rural-very remote)</li> </ul>
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of individuals invited to screen who <b>successfully</b> completed $\geq$ one FT in the program within a 30-month period (24-month screening cycle plus 6 months grace period: Jan 1, 2017 to Jun 30, 2019)
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of individuals who were sent an invitation within the measurement timeframe
<b>Notes</b>	<p>An 'invitation to screen' is to be interpreted as an invitation letter via direct mail to the personal address of an individual who is part of the target population and has access to the program.</p> <p>Age at FT is the age of the individual at FT laboratory result, which will be used for age break down.</p> <p>The numerator excludes individuals with only inadequate FT.</p> <p>This indicator is only applicable to provinces that send invitations for colorectal cancer screening (SK, NB, ON, MB, NS, PE, NL).</p> <p>Geography refers to individual's place of residence or mailing address. Use the most recent version of PCCF+ (e.g. v7b) to perform the analysis by geography. If other methodology is used, describe the details and data limitations in the 'Data Qualification Notes' section in the template.</p> <p>The categories (urban/rural/rural remote/rural very remote) are classified based on the CSIZEMIZ (Community size and metropolitan influence zone) variable from PCCF+:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1, 2, 3, 4: urban</li> <li>5: rural</li> <li>6: remote rural</li> <li>7: very remote rural</li> </ul>

## Indicator 1c: Overdue for Colorectal Cancer Screening

<b>Definition</b>	Proportion of screen-eligible individuals who were overdue for colorectal screening in each calendar year
<b>Target</b>	N/A
<b>Measurement timeframe</b>	Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2018
<b>Stratification variables</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age (50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74)</li> <li>• Gender (male, female)</li> <li>• Optional: Geography (Urban, Rural, Rural-remote, Rural-very remote)</li> </ul>
<b>Numerator</b>	<p>Number of screen-eligible individuals who were overdue for colorectal screening by the end of the measurement timeframe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals were considered overdue for colorectal screening if they:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. did not have a FT within the last two years (Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year to Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year of interest) AND</li> <li>2. did not have a colonoscopy in the last ten years (Jan 1<sup>st</sup> nine years prior to the calendar year of interest to Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year of interest) AND</li> <li>3. did not have a flexible sigmoidoscopy in the last ten years (Jan 1<sup>st</sup> nine years prior to the calendar year of interest to Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year of interest)</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>Denominator</b>	Total number of screen-eligible individuals in the specified calendar year
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Age is the age of the individual on Dec 31, 2018</p> <p>Individual with inadequate FT or unsuccessfully colonoscopy/sigmoidoscopy would be considered overdue</p>

## Indicator 2: Follow-Up Colonoscopy Rate

<b>Definition</b>	Proportion of individuals with an abnormal FT result having a follow-up colonoscopy within 180 days (6 months)
<b>Target</b>	≥ 85%
<b>Measurement Timeframe(s)</b>	Jan 1, 2017 – Dec 31, 2018
<b>Stratification Variables</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screening round (First screen ever/Subsequent screen)</li> <li>• All screens: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Age at FT (50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74)</li> <li>➤ Gender (male, female)</li> <li>➤ Optional: Geography (Urban, Rural, Rural-remote, Rural-very remote)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of individuals with an abnormal FT lab result within the measurement timeframe who have a follow-up colonoscopy within 180 days of the date of the abnormal FT lab result
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of individuals with an abnormal FT lab result within the measurement timeframe
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Incomplete colonoscopies (caecum not reached, stopped due to patient discomfort, etc.) are included.</p> <p>Any colonoscopy after 180 days of abnormal FT is excluded, even if it is the first and only colonoscopy.</p> <p>Use the first colonoscopy after the abnormal FT even if multiple colonoscopies are performed.</p> <p>Date of FT result refers to the date the laboratory has processed the sample (date of result).</p> <p>Age at FT is the age of the individual at FT laboratory result, which will be used for age break down.</p> <p>Geography refers to individual's place of residence or mailing address. Use the most recent version of PCCF+ (e.g. v7b) to perform the analysis by geography. If other methodology is used, describe the details and data limitations in the 'Data Qualification Notes' section in the template.</p> <p>The categories (urban/rural/rural remote/rural very remote) are classified based on the CSIZEMIZ (Community size and metropolitan influence zone) variable from PCCF+:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1, 2, 3, 4: urban</li> <li>5: rural</li> <li>6: remote rural</li> <li>7: very remote rural</li> </ul>

### Indicator 3: Wait Time to Follow-up Colonoscopy

<b>Definition</b>	Time interval from abnormal FT result to follow-up colonoscopy
<b>Target</b>	≥ 90% within 60 days
<b>Measurement Timeframe(s)</b>	Jan 1, 2017 – Dec 31, 2018
<b>Stratification Variables</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age at FT (50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74)</li> <li>• Gender (male, female)</li> <li>• Optional: Geography (Urban, Rural, Rural-remote, Rural-very remote)</li> </ul>
<b>Calculation</b>	<p>Median and 90<sup>th</sup> percentile number of calendar days from an abnormal FT result within the measurement timeframe to a follow-up colonoscopy (within 180 days of the abnormal FT)</p> <p>Exclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals who had a positive FT result but did not have a follow-up colonoscopy within 180 days</li> </ul>
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Date of the abnormal FT is the date the result is reported by the laboratory for each individual test; if there is more than one abnormal FT, the date of the first test is used. The colonoscopy may have been performed inside or outside the screening program, please provide data only for individuals whose abnormal FT was performed in the screening program.</p> <p>Age at FT is the age of the individual at FT laboratory result, which will be used for age break down.</p> <p>Geography refers to individual's place of residence or mailing address. Use the most recent version of PCCF+ (e.g. v7b) to perform the analysis by geography. If other methodology is used, describe the details and data limitations in the 'Data Qualification Notes' section in the template.</p> <p>The categories (urban/rural/rural remote/rural very remote) are classified based on the CSIZEMIZ (Community size and metropolitan influence zone) variable from PCCF+:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1, 2, 3, 4: urban</li> <li>5: rural</li> <li>6: remote rural</li> <li>7: very remote rural</li> </ul>

## Indicator 4: Program Invasive Colorectal Cancer Rate

<b>Definition</b>	Rate per 1,000 of individuals with colorectal cancer confirmed by pathology from a follow-up colonoscopy performed within 180 days of an abnormal screening FT screened within the measurement timeframe
<b>Target</b>	≥ 2 colorectal cancers per 1000 screened
<b>Measurement Timeframe(s)</b>	Jan 1, 2016 – Dec 31, 2017
<b>Stratification Variables</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screening round (First screen ever/Subsequent screen)</li> <li>• All screens: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Age at FT (50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74)</li> <li>➢ Gender (male, female)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Numerator</b>	<p>Number of individuals with invasive colorectal cancer on pathology from a follow-up colonoscopy performed within 180 days of an abnormal fecal test result obtained within the measurement timeframe</p> <p><u>Inclusions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICD-10 codes of malignant CRC (behaviour 3): C18.0; C18.2 – C18.9; C19; C20; C26.0</li> </ul> <p><u>Exclusions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Histology types in ICD-O3: 9590-9992(leukemia, lymphoma and multiple myeloma), 9050-9055 (mesothelioma), and 9140 (Kaposi sarcoma)</li> <li>• 8806 (for sarcoma)</li> <li>• 881_ - 883_ fibromatous neoplasms</li> <li>• 8840 – 8842 myxomatous neoplasms</li> <li>• 8850 – 8881 lipomatous neoplasms</li> <li>• 8890 – 8921 myomatous neoplasms</li> <li>• 8240, 8246, and 8249 for carcinoid tumors (a.k.a. neuroendocrine ca)</li> </ul>
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of individuals having had ≥ one successful FT processed by the laboratory within the measurement timeframe
<b>Notes</b>	Age at FT is the age of the individual at FT laboratory result, which will be used for age break down.



## Indicator 5: Colorectal Cancer Stage Distribution

<b>Definition</b>	Distribution of detected colorectal cancer by TNM stage																						
<b>Target</b>	n/a																						
<b>Measurement Timeframe(s)</b>	Jan 1, 2016 – Dec 31, 2017																						
<b>Stratification Variables</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screening round (First screen ever/Subsequent screen)</li> <li>• All screens: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Age at FT (50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74)</li> <li>➤ Gender (male, female)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>																						
<b>Numerator</b>	<p>Number of individuals with invasive CRC stage I, II, III or IV, unknown stage and unstaged diagnosed by the screening program from a follow-up colonoscopy within 180 days after an abnormal laboratory FT result within the measurement timeframe</p> <p><u>Inclusions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICD-10 codes of malignant CRC (behaviour 3): C18.0; C18.2 – C18.9; C19; C20; C26.0</li> </ul> <p><u>Exclusions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Histology types in ICD-O3: 9590-9992(leukemia, lymphoma and multiple myeloma), 9050-9055 (mesothelioma), and 9140 (Kaposi sarcoma)</li> <li>• 8806 (for sarcoma)</li> <li>• 881_ - 883_ fibromatous neoplasms</li> <li>• 8840 – 8842 myxomatous neoplasms</li> <li>• 8850 – 8881 lipomatous neoplasms</li> <li>• 8890 – 8921 myomatous neoplasms</li> <li>• 8240, 8246, and 8249 for carcinoid tumors (a.k.a. neuroendocrine ca)</li> </ul>																						
<b>Denominator</b>	<p>Number of individuals with invasive CRC confirmed by pathology at follow-up colonoscopy within 180 days after an abnormal laboratory FT result within the measurement timeframe (same as numerator for indicator 4)</p> <p><u>Inclusions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of individuals with CRC of unknown stage</li> </ul>																						
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Stageable incident cases per AJCC Cancer Staging Manual 8th Edition</p> <p>Collaborative staging, leading to CRC stage grouping TNM I to IV, or Duke's or Astler-Coller classifications A to D can be used when providing aggregated data, and the following table be used for equivalence:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>TNM Stage</th> <th>TNM Characteristics</th> <th>Dukes Equivalent</th> <th>Astler-Coller Equivalent</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>I</td> <td>T1, N0, M0 T2, N0, M0</td> <td>A</td> <td>A and B1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>II</td> <td>T3, N0, M0 T4, N0, M0</td> <td>B</td> <td>B2 and B3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>III</td> <td>Any T, N1, M0 Any T, N2, M0</td> <td>C</td> <td>C1 - C3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>IV</td> <td>Any T, Any N, M1</td> <td>D</td> <td>D</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			TNM Stage	TNM Characteristics	Dukes Equivalent	Astler-Coller Equivalent	I	T1, N0, M0 T2, N0, M0	A	A and B1	II	T3, N0, M0 T4, N0, M0	B	B2 and B3	III	Any T, N1, M0 Any T, N2, M0	C	C1 - C3	IV	Any T, Any N, M1	D	D
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	<p><b>Unknown stage:</b> Individuals for whom staging has been completed and for whom with the information collected, a stage group cannot be assigned, should be reported as “unknown stage”</p> <p><b>Unstaged:</b> Individuals with known invasive CRC but for whom the stage is not yet completed should be reported as “unstaged”</p> <p>Age at FT is the age of the individual at FT laboratory result, which will be used for age break down.</p>
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## Indicator 6: 14-day Post-Colonoscopy Hospitalization Rate for Perforation or Bleeding

<b>Definition</b>	Rate (per 1,000) of colonoscopies that resulted in the individual being admitted to hospital within 14 days of colonoscopy for bleeding and/or perforation
<b>Target</b>	N/A
<b>Measurement Timeframe(s)</b>	Jan 1, 2017 – Dec 31, 2018
<b>Stratification Variables</b>	Reason for hospitalization (perforation, bleeding) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age at colonoscopy (50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74)</li> <li>• Gender (male, female)</li> </ul>
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of colonoscopies followed by hospital admissions occurring within 14 days of colonoscopy
<b>Denominator</b>	Total number of colonoscopies performed within the measurement timeframe
<b>Notes</b>	Include all colonoscopies (performed within or outside of screening program) Refer to Appendix A for details.

### Indicator 7a: Interval Cancer Rate after Negative Fecal Test Result

<b>Definition</b>	Rate (per 1,000) of individuals with FT screening results that were negative who were subsequently diagnosed with colorectal cancer before their next scheduled screening test
<b>Target</b>	n/a
<b>Measurement Timeframe(s)</b>	Jan 1, 2014 – Dec 31, 2015
<b>Stratification Variables</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age at FT (50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74)</li> <li>• Gender (male, female)</li> <li>• Screening round (First screen ever/Subsequent screen)</li> </ul>
<b>Numerator</b>	<p>Number of individuals subsequently diagnosed with colorectal cancer within 24 months of a negative FT result in the measurement timeframe</p> <p><u>Inclusions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICD-10 codes of malignant CRC (behaviour 3): C18.0; C18.2 – C18.9; C19; C20; C26.0</li> </ul> <p><u>Exclusions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colon lymphoma, sarcoma and carcinoid tumors</li> </ul>
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of individuals with negative FT screening result within the measurement timeframe
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Interval Cancers are described as cancers that occur after a negative FT or after a positive FT followed by a negative colonoscopy. The definition is expressed as the proportion of individuals with screening results that are negative for colon cancer and are subsequently diagnosed with colorectal cancer before the next scheduled test.</p> <p>Age at FT is the age of the individual at FT laboratory result, which will be used for age break down.</p>

## Indicator 7b: Post-Colonoscopy Colorectal Cancer Rate after Negative Colonoscopy Performed for Positive Fecal Test

<b>Definition</b>	Rate (per 1,000) of individuals with abnormal FT results and colonoscopy results negative for colorectal cancer (performed within 180 days of the abnormal FT) who were subsequently diagnosed with colorectal cancer between 6 months and 3 years after the colonoscopy
<b>Target</b>	n/a
<b>Measurement Timeframe(s)</b>	Jan 1, 2012 – Dec 31, 2013
<b>Stratification Variables</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age at FT (50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74)</li> <li>• Gender (male, female)</li> <li>• Screening round (First screen ever/Subsequent screen)</li> </ul>
<b>Numerator</b>	<p>Of the denominator, number of individuals who were subsequently diagnosed with CRC within 6 to 36 months of the colonoscopy</p> <p><u>Inclusions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICD-10 codes of malignant CRC (behaviour 3): C18.0; C18.2 – C18.9; C19; C20; C26.0</li> </ul> <p><u>Exclusions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colon lymphoma, sarcoma and carcinoid tumors</li> </ul>
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of individuals with abnormal FT screening result within the measurement timeframe and colonoscopy results negative for colorectal cancer (performed within 180 days of the abnormal FT)
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Interval Cancers are described as cancers that occur after a negative FT or after a positive FT followed by a negative colonoscopy. The definition is expressed as the proportion of individuals with screening results that are negative for colon cancer and are subsequently diagnosed with colorectal cancer before the next scheduled test.</p> <p>Age at FT is the age of the individual at FT laboratory result, which will be used for age break down.</p>

