

Brief Colorectal Cancer Risk Assessment

Review the following 4 questions and share the answers with your doctor. Answering “yes” to any of the 4 questions changes your options for colorectal cancer screening. Yearly, review your personal and family health and medical history. Be sure to report any changes to your doctor.

Question 1: Have you had a parent, brother, sister OR two of the following: grandparent, aunt, uncle diagnosed with colorectal cancer or adenomatous polyps? *If they diagnosed before age 60, talk to your doctor.*

Question 2: In the past 2 years, have you noticed blood in your stool or had other symptoms such as diarrhea, constipation, cramping/stomach pain, or unexplained weight loss?

Question 3: Do you have a history of pre-cancerous polyps from a prior colonoscopy?

Question 4: Have you ever had a positive take home stool test?

Disclaimer: *These questions were developed by the Colorectal Cancer Prevention Network based upon peer review of scientific journals. The questions are designed to provide a simple tool to medical staff and patients alike to facilitate related CRC risk assessment and determining the appropriate CRC screening modality. These questions may not consider all increased and high-risk criteria and may not reflect guidelines published after the date of this publication (March 2020).*

