



# The Wingspan

ScreenND Newsletter

August 2026

Although the days are still long and hot, it's not too early to start planning for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Celebrated for nearly 40 years, October offers an opportunity to educate everyone about breast cancer, the importance of early detection and access to timely, high-quality care.

Here are some resources to help you get started:

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Breast Cancer Awareness Resources](#)
- [Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Awareness Month Resources](#)
- [Susan G. Komen Tools and Educational Resources](#)
- [National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc. Breast Cancer Awareness Month Resources](#)
- [George Washington University \(GW\) Cancer Center Breast Cancer Awareness Month Toolkit](#) (last updated in 2024, but still a lot of relevant info!)

## DASHBOARD

National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable's Strategic Roadmap Priorities

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| MOBILIZE                                                                                                     | IMPROVE                                                                 | SUPPORT                                                                                          | PROMOTE                                                                    | IDENTIFY                                                                  |
| national and community-level efforts that will lead to health equity across the colorectal cancer continuum. | timely action for early-age onset colorectal cancer signs and symptoms. | on-time screening as soon as eligible and continued participation per screening recommendations. | timely colonoscopy follow-up to positive (abnormal) non-colonoscopy tests. | areas to ensure timely initiation of quality colorectal cancer treatment. |

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND PAST EVENT RECORDINGS

**Lifestyle Medicine Across the Cancer Continuum: Prevention, Treatment and Survivorship**

Tuesday, August 18 | 12-1 p.m. EDT | 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. CDT | 10-11 a.m. MDT | [Register](#)

**The Latest Updates on Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination in the United States**

Monday, August 24, 2026 | 12-1 p.m. CDT | 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. MDT | [Register](#)

**Average and High-risk Breast Cancer Screening and Breast Health**

The North Dakota Cancer Coalition Breast Cancer Action Team is partnering with the American Cancer Society to plan this webinar for September 2026. Watch for details!

## FEATURED RESOURCES

### ACS CancerRisk360™

The American Cancer Society® (ACS) developed CancerRisk360 (the Tool) as a resource to educate people about the factors that can help reduce their risk of cancer and empower them to make informed health decisions. To design the Tool, ACS experts partnered with an outside advisory group with collective expertise in cancer prevention, early detection, genetics, cancer risk and health behavior change. The Tool uses established, evidence-based guidelines and recommendations to serve as an informational resource for the general public. It is not meant to replace professional medical advice.

For more information, visit the [ACS CancerRisk360 frequently asked questions \(FAQs\) webpage](#) or email [acscancerrisk360@cancer.org](mailto:acscancerrisk360@cancer.org).

### New Data Shows HPV Vaccine Saves Lives Cervical Cancer Cancer News | June 18, 2026

[The first study looking at lives saved](#) by the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine estimates the vaccine lowers the risk of cervical cancer death before the age of 30 to effectively zero.

For the first time on record, recent data confirms no women in their early 20s died from cervical cancer in England. Of this age group, about nine in 10 women received the HPV vaccine, usually at 12 or 13 years old when the vaccine offers the best protection.

[Read more...](#)

## FDA Approves Freenome's Blood Test for Colorectal Cancer Screening | Reuters | July 27, 2026

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently approved the blood-based colorectal cancer (CRC) screening test for older adults developed by Freenome, a private biotech company. The approval gives Freenome its first commercial product and means the company's partner, Abbott Laboratories, can market the test this fall.

Called SimpleScreen CRC, the test is intended for average-risk adults aged 45 and older and analyzes the DNA fragments that circulate in a person's blood. Clinical trials with more than 48,000 participants in more than 200 study locations showed the test detected CRC with 81.1% sensitivity and advanced precancerous growths with 13.7% sensitivity, including 30.7% sensitivity for high-risk growths.

FDA approval qualifies SimpleScreen CRC for Medicare coverage. The newly approved test will compete in the market with Guardant Health's Shield blood test, but analysts say the high number of unscreened Americans leaves plenty of room for a number of blood-based screening providers. The American Cancer Society has already updated its CRC screening guidelines to include blood-based CRC screening tests.

[Read the full Reuters article...](#)

## NCQA Issues New Follow-Up Colonoscopy Measure

***The new measure promotes completed colonoscopy after a positive or abnormal non-invasive test.***

The National Committee on Quality Assurance (NCQA) recently released their [2027 Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set \(HEDIS ©\) measures](#), which include a new measure covering a topic of particular interest for our members and partners: follow-up colonoscopy. NCQA sets the standard reporting requirements for health plan accreditation and patient-centered medical homes (PCMH) recognition. Starting in measurement year 2027, these entities must report on the percentage of persons 45 to 75 years of age who received a colonoscopy for a positive CRC non-invasive screening test. The measure is being implemented to increase completion of the CRC screening process in hopes to reduce delays in follow-up colonoscopy and appropriate treatment.

Find clinical resources for meeting these requirements in the ACS NCCRT [resource center](#).

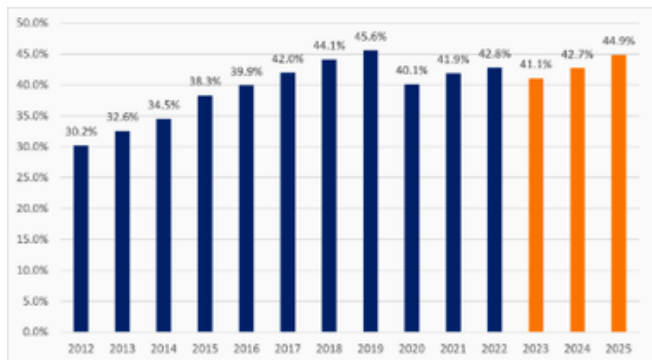
[Learn more about the updated measures...](#)

## HRSA Releases Newest UDS Data Showing Increases in CRC Screening

***UDS data covers FQHCs and look-alikes and shows an almost 2.5% jump in CRC screening for those eligible.***

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) recently updated their data cache to include reporting from 2025, which tracks CRC screening rates in federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) across the country. FQHCs and their look-alikes are community-based, provide a full range of care and adjust their fees based on income and family size, reaching some of the most vulnerable residents in our communities. The HRSA Uniform Data System (UDS) data updates show an almost 2.5% increase in CRC screening for those eligible, [reaching 44.89%](#) in 2025! This increase almost closes the gap in screening percentages created by the COVID-19 pandemic and the change in total eligible for CRC screening when guidelines moved from age 50 to 45 in 2023.

In celebration of this new data and National Health Center Week, the ACS NCCRT would like to extend a **warm congratulations** to our members and partners who continue to improve our CRC screening rates in health centers across the nation!



Looking to help your practice or clinical partners increase their CRC screening rates even more? Check out the ACS NCCRT [resource center](#), including our [Steps for Increasing CRC Screening Rates: A Manual for Primary Care Practices](#) (the Steps Guide).

[Explore 2025 data.](#)

[Explore UDS data.](#)

## P2P SHARING

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Nicole “Snooki” Polizzi, a reality television star from MTV’s *Jersey Shore*, provided her fans an update on her health six months after sharing her cancer diagnosis. [Watch her video on Instagram.](#)

## GET:SCREENED

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## COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING INITIATIVE

The North Dakota Colorectal Cancer Screening Initiative (NDCRCI) is now Get:Screened.

### Here are 5 things you need to know:

- ① Anyone can refer a patient [using the online referral form.](#)
- ② As of July 1, Mountain Pacific will serve as the fiscal intermediary. Read the [NEW! claims filing instructions.](#)
- ③ You will likely need to set up Mountain Pacific in your system to submit claims. Mountain Pacific’s Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) is 81-0343791. If you need a W-9 form from Mountain Pacific, please request one by emailing [info@ndgetscreened.org](mailto:info@ndgetscreened.org).
- ④ If you are not already receiving *The Scope* newsletter, which is specific to the Get:Screened program, join the mailing list by emailing [info@ndgetscreened.org](mailto:info@ndgetscreened.org).
- ⑤ GET:SCREENED has a new website! All information for both patients and providers are now located in one place. Visit <https://ndgetscreened.org>.



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