



**Ontario Health**  
Cancer Care Ontario

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that on July 1, 2026, Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) will introduce updates to the ColonCancerCheck program, including a new laboratory service provider, a new fecal immunochemical test (FIT) device and several program changes that reflect the evolving evidence on colorectal cancer.

ColonCancerCheck will implement the following changes:

- Average risk participants will start screening with FIT at age 45 (previously age 50).
- New family history recommendations will ensure that participants get the most appropriate screening test based on their level of colorectal cancer risk.
- A new FIT device will be used.
- In-Common Laboratories (ICL) will be the new laboratory managing the distribution and testing of all program-related FITs.

We are also pleased to share that this spring we will be lowering the threshold to define an abnormal FIT, which means we will be detecting more colorectal cancers and pre-cancerous polyps. As a result of these changes, a higher number of FIT-positive colonoscopies can be expected. Ensuring timely colonoscopy for people with an abnormal FIT result remains critically important due to the higher likelihood of detecting cancer compared to people undergoing colonoscopy for most other indications. ColonCancerCheck recommends follow-up with a colonoscopy within eight weeks of an abnormal FIT result.

Program resources, including updated materials reflecting these changes, are available at [ontariohealth.ca/coloncancercheckhub](https://ontariohealth.ca/coloncancercheckhub), including:

- ColonCancerCheck Guide to Colorectal Cancer Screening in Ontario
- Frequently Asked Questions for Endoscopists
- FIT-Positive Colonoscopy: Facility-Level Guidance
- ColonCancerCheck Recommendations on Post-Polypectomy Surveillance
- Complex Polyps Adjudication Referral Form

In addition, Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) will be offering webinar sessions prior to launch for endoscopists:

- Webinar 1: June 3, 7:30-8:30 am
  - [Registration link](#)
- Webinar 2: June 11, 5:00-6:00 pm
  - [Registration link](#)

If you have any questions about ColonCancerCheck, please contact Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) toll free at 1-866-662-9233 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday or email us at [cancerinfo@ontariohealth.ca](mailto:cancerinfo@ontariohealth.ca).

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of the ColonCancerCheck program.

Sincerely,



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