

NURSING STANDING ORDER



Standing Orders for Colorectal Screening

Purpose: To provide early detection of colorectal cancer through annual screening. These standing orders are provided for guidance of the HealthPoint medical staff members, i.e. physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses and medical assistants under the medical supervision of the HealthPoint physicians. The aim is to increase the rate of patients who are up-to-date with colorectal screening.

Policy: Colorectal screening should be conducted annually on patients 50 to 75 years if the patient has not had a colonoscopy within the last 10 years or a sigmoidoscopy within the last 5 years.

Procedure

1. Patient record should be reviewed for completion of a colorectal screening (FIT/iFOB or Hemoccult) within the last 12 months, colonoscopy within the last 10 years, or sigmoidoscopy within the last 5 years.
2. If no prior tests/procedure results are found, order the IH-FIT/iFOB (Immunochemical Fecal Occult Blood) lab test through eCW.
3. Provide the home screening kit (example: One Step+ or Hemoccult ICT) to the patient. Review instructions with patient in accordance to FIT/iFOB screening protocols.
4. The importance of returning the specimen to the clinic should be emphasized with the patient. Specimens received beyond the manufacturer's recommended collection timeframe cannot be used and must be recollected.

This policy and procedure shall remain in effect for all patients of HealthPOiNT /BVCAA until rescinded or until December 31, 2016.

Medical Director's signature: _____

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Effective date: January 1, 2016

Reference: American Cancer Society Colon Cancer Screening Guidelines
HealthPoint Colorectal Screening Protocols and training guidelines