

Appendix 4: One Page Guides



Evidence-Based Interventions to Increase Cancer Screening: PROVIDER REMINDERS

PROVIDERS NEED REMINDERS, TOO

Your clinic can develop systems to alert providers that patients are due for cancer screenings. This practice can increase screening and testing uptake by more than 7%.¹

PROVIDER REMINDER OPTIONS

- **Manual** — Flagging of medical charts using stickers or notations to highlight patients due for a cancer screening.
- **Electronic** — Some electronic health record systems can send screening alerts to providers based on criteria selected.



STEPS TO DEVELOP A PROVIDER REMINDER SYSTEM

- Gain provider and staff buy-in by including them in the planning and implementation process.
- Create a process with proper workflow to ensure:
 - Records are properly flagged.
 - Providers recommend appropriate screenings.
 - Screening tests are ordered.
 - Screening is completed or refused.
 - Refusal or results are documented.

CRITERIA THAT CAN BE USED TO DETERMINE WHICH RECORDS ARE FLAGGED

- Age.
- Sex.
- Date of last screening.
- Risk factors.
- United States Preventative Services Task Force screening guidelines.^{2,3,4}
- Upcoming appointments.



DON'T FORGET TO MONITOR AND ADJUST

- Establish a plan for regular evaluation and tweaking of the system.
- Make sure providers are receiving the reminders.
- Make sure providers are making the referrals or ordering the tests.
- Document and train on any changes in protocol.



Contact your ScreenOutCancer affiliated state, regional, tribal, or territorial cancer prevention program for partnership opportunities including technical assistance on implementing evidence-based interventions:
www.cdc.gov/cancer/nbccedp
www.cdc.gov/cancer/crccp

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