











TYPE OF SCREENING		STRUCTURAL EXAM <b>COLONOSCOPY</b> Finds and removes precancerous growths before they become cancer. 	STOOL TEST <b>STOOL DNA TEST</b> (Cologuard) Looks for particular DNA mutations due to cancerous tumors or precancerous polyps. 	STOOL TEST <b>FECAL IMMUNOCHEMICAL TEST</b> (FIT) Looks for hidden blood in the stool, which can be an early sign of cancer. 
	FREQUENCY	Every 10 years	Every 3 years	Annually
	ESTIMATED COST RANGE <small>(insurance dependent)</small>	\$0-\$1600	\$0-\$700	\$0-\$25
★	DETECTION RATE	★★★★★	★★★	★
	PROS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examines entire colon</li> <li>Ability to biopsy and remove polyps</li> <li>Can diagnose other diseases</li> <li>Performed by a specialist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noninvasive</li> <li>Completed in privacy of home</li> <li>Single stool sample required</li> <li>No pretest dietary limitations</li> <li>Captures most advanced polyps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noninvasive</li> <li>Completed in privacy of home</li> <li>Single stool sample required</li> <li>No pretest dietary limitations</li> </ul>
	CONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need ride home</li> <li>May miss a day of work</li> <li>Risk of bowel tears or infections (0.1 - 0.3%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colonoscopy needed if abnormalities are detected</li> <li>May produce false positive test results</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colonoscopy needed if abnormalities are detected</li> <li>May produce false positive test results</li> <li>Less sensitive for the detection of colorectal cancer</li> </ul>
	BOWEL PREPARATION	Full	None	None
ZZZ...	SEDATION	Yes	No	No
	TIME COMMITMENT	Requires 1-2 days off work	About an hour	One hour
	HOME VS. IN-OFFICE	In-Office	Home	Home