Colon Cancer Screening and Surveillance

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Outline

• Colon cancer screening
  • Why do we do it?
  • Guidelines
    • When to start
    • Options on modality

• Colon cancer surveillance
  • Guidelines
  • Serrated polyps
Definitions

• Screening
  • To identify polyps/cancer in a patient without a personal history of cancer or precancerous lesions
  • No signs/symptoms of suspected colorectal disease

• Surveillance
  • To identify polyps/cancer in an individual with previously identified polyps/cancer
  • No signs/symptoms of suspected colorectal disease


Why is colon cancer important?

• 3rd most common cancer in women and men
  • 8% of all new cancer diagnoses

• Overall lifetime risk is ~ 5-6%

American Cancer Society, 2014 estimates
Colon Cancer Screening

- Multiple modalities have been shown to reduce colon cancer mortality
  - Colonoscopy
  - Flexible sigmoidoscopy
  - Fecal occult blood testing (FOBT)
    - Shaukat et al. Long-Term Mortality after Screening for Colorectal Cancer. NEJM 9.2013
  - Fecal immunochemical testing (FIT)

* Remember - Whatever screening your patient will accept is better than none…

Colon cancer screening

- Multiple guidelines exist and updates are reported to be coming soon:
  - American College of Gastroenterology (ACG, 2008)
  - National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN, updated continuously)
  - US Multi-Society Task Force on Colorectal Cancer (USMSTF, 2008) aka “Joint Guidelines”
Colon cancer screening guidelines

- I generally use ACG 2008 guidelines due to simplicity

- Average risk screening should start at age 50
  - African Americans should begin at age 45

- Recommend cancer prevention tests first
  - Both prevent and detect colon cancer

- Colonoscopy is preferred, if normal repeat in 10 years

Colon cancer screening guidelines

- Alternative cancer prevention tests

  - Flexible sigmoidoscopy
    - If normal, repeat in 5-10 years (USMSTF – every 5 years)
    - If polyp found, requires colonoscopy for completion
      - Detects 60-70% of neoplasia found at colonoscopy

ACG 2008
Colon cancer screening guidelines

• CT colonography
  • If normal, repeat in 5 years
    – Performs fairly well for polyps > 1 cm (90% detection)
    – Does not detect polyps 5 mm or smaller
  – Still requires bowel prep (despite “virtual colonoscopy” tagline)
• If polyp found, requires colonoscopy for completion

ACG 2008

Why start African Americans early?

• Average annual age-specific colorectal cancer incidence rates by race in California (per 100,000 persons)

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### Colon cancer screening guidelines with family history

- **First degree relatives (FDR) with colon cancer or advanced adenoma at age < 60 years or 2 FDR with this**
  - Start screening at age 40 or 10 years younger than age of youngest affected relative
  - Colonoscopy every 5 years
- **FDR ≥ 60 years with CRC or adv. Adenoma**
  - Treat as average risk
- **ACG 2008 – no comment on 2nd degree relatives**

### Colon cancer screening guidelines with family history

- **I use USMSTF 2008 guidelines when a patient has 2nd degree relatives with CRC**
- **If colon cancer or adenomas in 2 or more second degree relatives**
  - Start screening at age 40
  - Screening intervals are same as average risk

*FDR with small adenomas – Increased risk USMSTF  
Average risk ACG

Colon cancer screening guidelines with family history

- Why do we care about second degree relatives (SDR)?

- Population-based studies have shown SDR of patients with colon cancer have:
  - Increased risk of colon cancer: 1.32 (CI 1.19 – 1.47)
  - Increased risk of adenomas: 1.19 (CI 1.08 – 1.31)


Importance of EFFECTIVE CRC screening

Adenoma Detection Rate and Risk of Colorectal Cancer and Death

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ABSTRACT

The proportion of screening colonoscopic examinations performed by a physician that detect one or more adenomas (the adenoma detection rate) is a recommended quality measure. However, little is known about the association between this rate and patients’ risks of a subsequent colorectal cancer (interval cancer) and death.

NEJM April 3, 2014
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Non-Endoscopic options

• FIT preferred to FOBT
  • Better performance
  • Less reliance on dietary restrictions
  • Less samples to collect (FOBT is usually 2-3 samples)
  • Remember – FOBT in the office with rectal exam is NOT ACCEPTABLE

Non-Endoscopic options

- Fecal DNA testing – Testing for CRC DNA from a stool sample
  
  Benefit: No prep, no procedure (good for average risk patients unwilling/unable to undergo colonoscopy)

Downsides:
1. Only works for cancer, inadequate for polyps
2. 3 year interval has no basis in literature at this point
3. If positive but no colon lesions, is this a marker from above in GI tract or a false positive?
4. People do not like to collect stool samples


Fecal DNA testing

- Performed well for cancer detection
  - 92.3% (60/65) CRC detected
  - Significantly better than FIT (92.3% vs 73.8%, P = 0.002)

- True colon cancer screening - no polyp detection/removal!
  - 42% (321/758) of advanced adenomas detected

*Wait for guidelines to endorse prior to using given questions regarding safe intervals

Colon cancer surveillance recommendations

- No polyps (average risk): 10 years
- No polyps (increased risk due to FH): 5 years
- 1-2 small adenomas (< 1 cm): 5 - 10 years
  - Most recommend 5 years
- ≥ 1 large adenoma (≥ 1 cm): 3 years
- Any high grade dysplasia: 3 years
- Any villous histology: 3 years
- 3-10 adenomas: 3 years
- ≥ 10 adenomas: < 3 years (most do 1 year, refer to Genetics)


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Colon cancer surveillance

• Recommendations after the 1st Surv. Colonoscopy

LRA – Low risk adenoma
HRA – High risk adenoma (>1 cm, high grade dysplasia, villous histology, ≥3 adenomas)

• Index procedure: LRA, then on first surveillance:
  • If no adenomas, can return to 10 years.
  • If LRA/HRA, continue with standard surveillance recs

• Index procedure: HRA, then on first surveillance:
  • If no adenomas, repeat in 5 years.
  • If LRA/HRA, continue with standard surveillance recs

Serrated colon polyps

- Includes:
  - Sessile serrated adenomas (SSA)
  - Sessile serrated polyps
    - Use interchangeably with SSA
  - Proximal hyperplastic polyps
    - Difficult for pathologists to differentiate from an SSA/P
  - Traditional serrated adenomas.
- SSA/P likely the source of most interval cancers
- Rectal and sigmoid hyperplastic polyps are not thought to confer an increased risk

Serrated colon polyps

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**Serrated polyp surveillance intervals**

- **Sessile serrated adenomas/polyps (SSA/P)**
  - Also applies for traditional serrated adenomas (TSA)
  - SSA / P: < 1 cm, 1 or 2 polyps: 5 years
  - SSA / P: ≥ 1 cm, 1 polyp: 3 years
  - SSA / P: ≥ 1 cm, ≥ 2 polyps: 1 – 3 years
    - Consider serrated polyposis syndrome
  - SSA / P: < 1 cm, ≥ 3 polyps: 3 years
  - SSA / P: Any with dysplasia: 1 – 3 years

Rex et al. Serrated lesions of the colorectum: review and recommendations from an expert panel. AJG 2012.

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**Serrated polyp surveillance intervals**

- **Hyperplastic polyps**
  - Rectosigmoid: < 1 cm, any number polyps: 10 years
  - Proximal: small (≤ 5 mm), ≤ 3 polyps: 10 years
  - Proximal: Any size, ≥ 4 polyps: 5 years
  - Proximal: > 5 mm, ≥ 1 polyps: 5 years

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# Rectal hyperplastic polyps

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<td>• Bowel prep – if prep is not up to par, then shorter intervals likely to be recommended</td>
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<td>• Not aware of personal or family history – might give average risk recommendations when should be high risk</td>
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*If not sure, ask the endoscopist for clarification*

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When to stop?

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<td>• Surveillance – Should be individualized, based on assessment of risks, benefits and comorbidities</td>
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<td>• 75-85 is likely reasonable</td>
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<td>• If colon cancer found, would patient accept/be offered surgery and/or chemotherapy?</td>
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Key Points

- Colon cancer screening is important and effective
  - Start at age 50, consider starting at age 45 in African Americans

- Colonoscopy is preferred as it both prevents and detects colon cancer in a single session

- Any screening modality is better than none

- Surveillance recommendations are more complicated than screening – but equally or more important!

Thank you

- For any questions or referrals, please contact me at:
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  - http://go.osu.edu/INHP
  - (614) 293 – 6255
What is the best bowel prep for a colonoscopy?

Capsule endoscopy
Recognizing the Red Flags: Does my patient have Hereditary Colorectal Cancer?

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Hereditary Susceptibility to CRC

Adapted from Burt RW et al. Prevention and Early Detection of CRC, 1996

Flowchart for Hereditary Colon Cancer Differential Diagnosis

Presence of >10 polyps

Yes

Lynch syndrome
Familial Colorectal Cancer syndrome type X
MYH-Associated Polyposis

No

Type of polyps

Hamartomatous

Juvenile Polyposis
Peutz-Jeghers syndrome
Hyperplastic Polyposis syndrome
Cowden syndrome/BRR

Adenomatous

Familial Adenomatous Polyposis
Attenuated FAP
MYH-Associated Polyposis
**Lynch Syndrome Genes**

- **MLH1**
- **PMS2**
- **MSH2**
- **MSH6**

**Sporadic**
- Later age at onset (60s or 70s)
- Little or no family history of cancer
- Single or unilateral tumors

**Inherited**
- Early age at onset (<50)
- Multiple primary tumors
- Multiple generations with cancer
- Clustering of certain cancers (i.e., breast/ovarian)

**Normal gene**

**Somatic mutation**

**Germline mutation**

**Somatic mutation**
Autosomal Dominant Inheritance

Carrier Parent                  Non-carrier Parent

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Lynch Syndrome Cancer Risks (to 70)

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<td>4-24%</td>
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Lynch Syndrome Surveillance Options

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<td>History &amp; Exam w/ review of systems</td>
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NCCN Guidelines for Colorectal Cancer Screening 2.2012

Lynch Syndrome Prophylactic Surgery Options

- Options include subtotal colectomy, hysterectomy, and oophorectomy
- Subtotal colectomy does not eliminate cancer risk
- Hysterectomy eliminates risk of endometrial and ovarian cancer
- Expert panels made no recommendation for or against surgery due to unproven efficacy

### Tumor Tests to Screen for Lynch Syndrome

- **Microsatellite Instability (MSI) testing**
  - Performed on DNA extracted from tumor and normal tissue – requires laboratory
  - Test is positive in 15% of CRC cases
  - Test is positive in 77-89% of LS cases
- **Immunohistochemistry staining**
  - Performed on thin slide of tumor – can be done in pathology department
  - 1-2 proteins are absent in 20% of CRC cases
  - 1-2 proteins are absent in 83% of LS cases

### Red Flags for Polyposis

- >10 adenomas (at one time)
  - Familial Adenomatous Polyposis (FAP) and Attenuated FAP due to *APC* mutations
  - MUTYH-Associated Polyposis (MAP) due to biallelic *MUTYH* mutations (*Note this is the only recessive hereditary colon cancer syndrome*)
  - Polymerase Proofreading Associated Polyposis (PPAP) due to mutations in *POLE* or *POLD1*
- >5 juvenile polyps
  - Juvenile Polyposis due to SMAD4 or BMPR1A mutations
- >2 Peutz Jegher polyps
  - Peutz Jegher syndrome due to STK11 mutations
**Red Flags for Lynch Syndrome**

- Bethesda Guidelines
  - CRC dx <50
  - Synchronous or metachronous CRC, or other Lynch syndrome-associated tumors regardless of age
  - CRC with MSI-H histology dx <60
  - CRC with >1 FDR with an HNPCC-associated tumor, with one cancer dx <50
  - CRC with >2 FDRs or SDRs with an HNPCC-associated tumor, regardless of age
  - 82% Sensitivity
  - 77% Specificity


**Family History is Key to Diagnosing Lynch Syndrome – or is it?**

![Family History Diagram]

- CRC dx 45
- CRC dx 61
- CRC dx 75
- Ovarian Ca, dx 64
- CRC dx 48
- CRC dx 52
- Endometrial Ca, dx 59
- CRC dx 42
- CRC dx 45
- CRC dx 50s
Warning: Family Histories can be Deceiving

- Family size is getting smaller
- Wider use of colonoscopy likely to prevent many colon cancers
- MSH6 & PMS2 have lower cancer risks

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- Recommended to be performed routinely on CRC biopsy or surgical resection specimens
  - EGAPP, US Multi-Society Task Force on CRC, NCCN
  - Can be requested on TVAs on a case-by-case basis

### Tumor Red Flags for Lynch Syndrome: Microsatellite Instability Testing (MSI)

- Microsatellites are repetitive sequences in the DNA (eg. BAT-26)
- 5 microsatellites are usually assessed during testing
- If 2 or more are unstable, tumor is considered MSI-high > likely LS
- If 1 is unstable, tumor is considered MSI-low (can be treated like MSI-negative)
- If 0 are unstable, tumor is considered MSI-negative or MSS (microsatellite stable) > unlikely LS

#### Diagram
![Diagram of microsatellite instability testing](image)

### Tumor Red Flags for Lynch Syndrome: Immunohistochemistry

- Identify MMR proteins
- Normally present
- If protein is absent, gene is not being expressed (mutation or methylation)
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#### Images
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Tumor Red Flags for Lynch Syndrome: Normal – All 4 Stains Present

- 80% of the time you will get this result
- CRC is probably not MSI+
- Prognosis worse than if MSI+
- Refer to Genetics ONLY if
  - you suspect polyposis
  - patient dx <45
  - patient has had multiple CRC primaries, or
  - patient has a FDR with CRC at any age

Tumor Red Flags for Lynch Syndrome: Abnormal – MLH1 & PMS2 Absent

- 15% of the time
- CRC is MSI+
- Better prognosis
- 80% acquired methylation of MLH1
- 20% will be LS
- BRAF test or MLH1 promoter methylation test is done to help sort this out.
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Patients with the BRAF V600E mutation or MLH1 promoter hypermethylation in their tumor do NOT need to be referred to Genetics as they are very unlikely to have Lynch syndrome.

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Tools to Use in Clinic: Colorectal Cancer Risk Assessment Tool

| 1. Do you have a first-degree relative (mother, father, brother, sister, or child) with any of the following conditions diagnosed before age 50? |
|---|---|
| • Colon or rectal cancer |
| • Cancer of the uterus, ovary, stomach, small intestine, urinary tract (kidney, ureter, bladder), bile ducts, pancreas, or brain |
| YES | NO |

2. Have you had any of the following conditions diagnosed before age 50:
- Colon or rectal cancer
- Colon or rectal polyps

3. Do you have three or more relatives with a history of colon or rectal cancer? (This includes parents, brothers, sisters, children, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.)

- Yes to any question
- No to all questions

Refer for additional assessment or genetic evaluation

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   **YES** **NO**

Sensitivity 77%
If all 3 questions were answered Yes, correctly identified 95% of LS families

Refer for additional assessment or genetic evaluation


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**Tools to Use in Clinic: PREMM1,2,6 - http://premm.dfci.harvard.edu/**

- Probability of *MLH1*, *MSH2*, or *MSH6* mutation
- Proband
  - # of CRCs & youngest age at dx
  - Y/N adenomas & youngest age at dx
  - Y/N EC & youngest age at dx
- FDRs & SDRs
  - # with CRC & youngest age at dx
  - # with EC & youngest age at dx
  - Y/N any with another HNPCC cancer
- Refer patients with >5% chance of having LS
- 90% Sensitivity
- 67% Specificity

### Summary: Who should be referred to consider genetic testing

- **Clinical testing criteria**
  - Patients who meet Bethesda criteria
  - Patients with Endometrial cancer dx <50
  - Individuals with MMR mutation likelihood >5%
  - Individuals with abnormal tumor screening
  - Individuals with known dx of LS (or any hereditary cancer syndrome) in family
  - Individuals with >10 adenomatous polyps
  - Individuals with >5 juvenile polyps or >2 PJS polyps

- **Routine tumor testing criteria**
  - All CRC patients; OR
  - CRC patients dx <70 & CRC patients dx >70 who meet Revised Bethesda guidelines

### Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA)

- Prevents health insurers from denying coverage, adjusting premiums, or otherwise discriminating on the basis of genetic information.
  - Group and self-insured policies
- Insurers may not request that an individual undergo a genetic test.
- Employers cannot use genetic information to make hiring, firing, compensation, or promotion decisions.
- Sharply limits a health insurer's or employer's right to request, require, or purchase someone's genetic information.