

## Addressing Colorectal Cancer

6,900

Approximate cases of colorectal cancer are diagnosed each year in Pennsylvania.  
*About 2,600 people die as a result.*

### Mission

Regularly screen 80 percent of adults aged 50 and older for colorectal cancer.

### Structure

The Colorectal Cancer workgroup is one of the workgroups of the Pennsylvania Cancer Coalition (PCC).

### Goal

Improve colorectal cancer screening rates and navigate patients across the continuum of care.

### Membership

This workgroup comprises organizations and individuals committed to using evidence-based interventions for the prevention, screening and early detection of colorectal cancers. The initiatives are focused on sharing best practices for CRC screening with health and hospital systems including primary care practices and Federally Qualified Health Centers with the goal to increase CRC screening rates to 80% in Pennsylvania for all individuals eligible to be screened.

#### Benefits of membership

The main benefit to membership is the power of coordinated collaboration to fight cancer in Pennsylvania. By working together, members leverage resources, increase awareness, adopt best practices in cancer control, and convene experts to implement the state's Cancer Plan goals and strategies. The PCC also provides opportunities for networking, collaborative learning and information sharing. This ensures that state, federal and other resources are targeted to make the greatest impact on Pennsylvania's cancer burden.

### How to Join?

New members can join by completing an online membership profile. There are no membership fees.  
[pacancercoalition.org/membership-form](https://pacancercoalition.org/membership-form)

For more information on the colorectal cancer workgroup and progress reports contact us at [pacancercoalition.org](https://pacancercoalition.org)

### Why Colorectal Cancer Screening?

- In 2015, colorectal cancer was the 2<sup>nd</sup> most common cause of cancer deaths in Pennsylvania.
- 1 in 22 persons develop colon cancer.
- 1 in 52 people will die from it.
- An American Cancer Society study published in 2018 found that new cases of colon and rectal cancer is occurring at an increasing rate among young and middle-aged adults in the U.S.

