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Implementing Colorectal Cancer Screening

Public and Patient Interventions to Implement Screening

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IMPLEMENTATION

- The use of strategies to adapt/integrate evidence-based health interventions and change practice patterns within specific service settings.

Source: http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/d4d
Issues posed to IOM workshop participants

To identify:

- next steps to achieve implementation of recommended system and community interventions and even to propose additional approaches to increase screening
- major barriers to implementing system interventions and screening methods
- effective strategies to increase implementation of system and community interventions based on available research and our own experience
Precursor issue that needs to be addressed

- Do we have efficacious interventions that can be implemented in clinic and community settings/systems?
## Recommendations for Client-oriented Cancer Screening Interventions

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<th>Cervical</th>
<th>CRC</th>
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<td>Client reminders</td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>Strong</td>
<td>Sufficient</td>
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<td>Multi-component using media, education and enhanced access</td>
<td>Strong</td>
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<td>Reducing structural barriers</td>
<td>Strong</td>
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<td>Client incentives (with reminders)</td>
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<td>Small media</td>
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<td>Reduced out-of-pocket expense</td>
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Summary of effect sizes (odds ratios) from single-strategy patient or provider interventions
(Stone et al. *Annals of Internal Medicine* 2002;136:641-51)

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<th>Intervention Type</th>
<th>FOBT</th>
<th>Pap</th>
<th>Mammography</th>
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<td>Organizational change</td>
<td>17.6</td>
<td>3.03</td>
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<td>Provider education</td>
<td>3.01</td>
<td>1.72</td>
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<td>Patient reminder</td>
<td>2.75</td>
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<td>Patient $ incentive</td>
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<td>Provider reminder</td>
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<td>Patient education</td>
<td>1.38</td>
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<td>Provider feedback</td>
<td>1.18</td>
<td>1.10</td>
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## FOBT Clinic Interventions: Study characteristics

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<tr>
<td>Courtier ('02)</td>
<td>1998-99</td>
<td>Municipal employees in primary care health clinic in Barcelona (aged 50-74 yrs)</td>
<td>2026</td>
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<td>Miller ('05)</td>
<td>2001-02</td>
<td>University-affiliated community clinic</td>
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<td>Pignone ('00)</td>
<td>1998</td>
<td>3 Primary Care practices in NC</td>
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<td>Stokamer ('05)</td>
<td>2002</td>
<td>VA New York Harbor healthcare clinic</td>
<td>788</td>
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<td>Thompson ('00)</td>
<td>1998</td>
<td>VA Puget Sound healthcare clinic</td>
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Courtier (2002) and Miller (2005) did not have a control group—both in each study received intervention materials.
## FOBT Community Interventions: Study characteristics

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<td>Braun (‘05)</td>
<td>2001</td>
<td>8 Hawaiian Civic Clubs</td>
<td>121</td>
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<td>Campbell (‘04)</td>
<td>before 2004</td>
<td>12 rural African-American churches in NC</td>
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<td>Church (‘04)</td>
<td>2000</td>
<td>Residents aged ≥50 yrs in Wright County, Minnesota</td>
<td>1,255</td>
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<td>Cole (‘03)</td>
<td>2001</td>
<td>Urban residents on electoral rolls in Adelaide, Australia</td>
<td>1,818</td>
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<td>Cole (‘02)</td>
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<td>Urban residents from general practices and the electoral roll in Adelaide, Australia</td>
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<td>Federici (‘06)</td>
<td>2002-03</td>
<td>Italian residents from the Lazio region of Italy, including Rome (aged 50-75 years)</td>
<td>7,320</td>
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<td>Lipkus (‘05)</td>
<td>2000-03</td>
<td>Carpenter’s Union in NJ</td>
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<td>Ore (‘01)</td>
<td>Before 2000</td>
<td>Male and female residents of Haifa,Israel (aged 50-74 years)</td>
<td>1,946</td>
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<td>Segnan (‘05)</td>
<td>1999-2001</td>
<td>5 study centers in Italy with 190 GPs (aged 55-64 yrs)</td>
<td>26,682</td>
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Studies did not have a control group – all groups received some form of intervention.
## Endoscopy Clinic Interventions

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<td>Ferreira (‘05)</td>
<td>2001-03</td>
<td>2 VAMC outpatient clinics in Chicago, IL (aged ≥50 yrs)</td>
<td>1,978</td>
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<td>Ganz (‘06)</td>
<td>Began in 1998</td>
<td>36 provider organizations in a California HMO</td>
<td>1,850</td>
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<td>Myers (‘07)</td>
<td>2002</td>
<td>Primary care practice patients in Philadelphia, PA (Jefferson Family Medicine Associates)</td>
<td>1,546</td>
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<td>Zauber (unpublished)</td>
<td>2000-04</td>
<td>3 study sites (GHCCC, U of MN, LSU)</td>
<td>1,402</td>
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<td>Zapka (‘04)</td>
<td>1999-00</td>
<td>5 Primary Care practices in MA</td>
<td>2966</td>
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<td>Basch (‘06)</td>
<td>2000-02</td>
<td>Health care workers union in NYC</td>
<td>446</td>
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<tr>
<td>Corbett (‘04)</td>
<td>2002-03</td>
<td>Residents of Australian Capital Territory from general practices and electoral rolls (aged 55-74 yrs)</td>
<td>392</td>
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<td>Costanza (‘07)</td>
<td>2001 &amp; 2004</td>
<td>Patients attending practices in the UMass Health Care system (aged 50-75 yrs)</td>
<td>2,472</td>
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<td>Dietrich (‘07)</td>
<td>2005</td>
<td>Women in the Medicaid managed care organization in NYC (aged 40-69 yrs)</td>
<td>1,316</td>
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<td>Wardle (‘03)</td>
<td>1997-98</td>
<td>6 trial centers in the UK Flex Sig Screening Trial (aged 55-64 yrs)</td>
<td>2,966</td>
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*Corbett (2004) did not have a control group—both groups received invitations in the mail to get CRCS from either their general practitioner or a local hospital.
Bottom line from CRC screening interventions

- Doing something, however modest, works – including usual care
- We need more data on the relative effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of interventions of varying intensity
- Other thoughts?
Information needed to develop and implement effective cancer screening interventions

- Trends and patterns in cancer screening prevalence
- Correlates/predictors of screening
  - demographic characteristics
  - cost/access
  - attitudes, beliefs
- Reasons for not screening
Recent colorectal cancer test usage among respondents age 50 and older: 2000, 2003, and 2005

Source: National Health Interview Survey
Percentages are standardized to the 2000 standard population by 5-year age groups.
The Importance of Correlates

- Socio-demographic correlates identify subgroups of the population that should be targeted for intervention.

- Healthcare system correlates identify subgroups lacking access and/or potential opportunities for screening.
Recent CRC Screening by Race/Ethnicity

**FOBT within past year**
- NH White: 12%
- NH Black: 10%
- Hispanic: 12%

**Endoscopy within past 10 years**
- NH White: 46%
- NH Black: 39%
- Hispanic: 30%

**FOBT or Endoscopy**
- NH White: 51%
- NH Black: 44%
- Hispanic: 34%

NHIS 2005: Weighted Percentages of Men & Women over 50
Recent CRC Screening by Insurance

- **FOBT within past year**
  - None: 7%
  - Medicare only: 11%
  - Private: 11%

- **Endoscopy within past 10 years**
  - None: 18%
  - Medicare only: 39%
  - Private: 44%

- **FOBT or Endoscopy**
  - None: 24%
  - Medicare only: 45%
  - Private: 49%

NHIS 2005: Weighted Percentages of Men & Women over 50
Independent Variables
Measured in the HINTS

- **Cancer Information Seeking**
  - Looked for cancer information from any source (self, other)
  - Confidence in being able to get advice or information about cancer if needed
  - Trust in sources of cancer information*
  - Attention paid to information about health or medical topics in the media*

- **Cancer Knowledge**
  - Age to start regular CRC testing
  - CRC test-specific intervals
  - High risk age group for developing CRC

- **Cancer Beliefs**
  - Perceived risk (absolute, comparative)
  - Cancer worry
  - Arranging a CRC test is easy
  - Afraid to find CRC if tested
  - Regular CRC testing increases chances of finding cancer when it’s easy to treat
  - CRC testing is too expensive
  - Everything causes cancer
  - There’s not much people can do to lower their chances of getting cancer
  - So many different recommendations about preventing cancer, it’s hard to know which ones to follow

* Multiple items used to create scale scores
### Reasons for Not Screening NHIS 2005

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<td><strong>Lack Awareness</strong></td>
<td>75.1</td>
<td>72.3</td>
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<td>--Never thought about it; didn’t need it; haven’t had any problems</td>
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<td><strong>Not Recommended</strong></td>
<td>20.2</td>
<td>17.9</td>
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<td><strong>Expense</strong></td>
<td>0.8</td>
<td>2.0</td>
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<td><strong>Procrastination</strong></td>
<td>1.3</td>
<td>3.3</td>
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<td><strong>Too painful, unpleasant, or embarrassing</strong></td>
<td>0.4</td>
<td>1.6</td>
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<td><strong>No Physician</strong></td>
<td>1.2</td>
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<td><strong>Other</strong></td>
<td>1.1</td>
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Shapiro et al., *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers, and Prevention*, under review.
The Translational Research Continuum: Bench to Trench

- The NIH Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) consortium defines translational research, in part, as

  "...the process of applying discoveries generated during research in the laboratory, and in preclinical studies, to the development of trials and studies in humans." This process includes efforts "aimed at enhancing the adoption of best practices in the community"

The Translational Research Continuum for Cancer Screening Interventions

- Understand the epidemiology of cancers for which there are evidence-based technologies to reduce incidence or mortality
- Monitor the prevalence of cancer screening behaviors and trends over time
- Understand determinants of cancer screening behaviors
- Use behavioral science theory to develop behavior change interventions
- Use new technologies to deliver interventions, e.g., interactive computer-based educational programs
- Disseminate evidence-based interventions into clinical practice
Bench to Trench Feedback Loop

Dissemination of behavior change strategies → Epidemiologic surveillance (morbidity and mortality)

Trials of public health/behavior change interventions → Advances in medical technology (e.g., diagnostic imaging and biomarkers)

Dissemination of medical technologies → Trials of medical technologies to reduce morbidity and mortality
Knowledge Gaps & Directions for Future Research
**Efficacy** vs. **Effectiveness**

**Efficacy**: The extent to which a specific intervention, procedure, regimen, or service produces a beneficial result under ideal conditions; the benefit or utility to the individual or the population of the service, treatment regimen or intervention. Ideally, the determination of efficacy is based on the results of a randomized controlled trial.

**Effectiveness**: A measure of the extent to which a specific intervention, procedure, regimen, or service, when deployed in the field in routine circumstances, does what it is intended to do for a specified population.

Knowledge Gaps & Directions for Future Research

- We need to reconcile the different classification schemes for interventions.
- We need to be parsimonious in our approach to conceptual or theoretic models used for prediction and intervention development.
  - “A rose by any other name . . .”
- We need more data on
  - longitudinal predictors or determinants of screening uptake
  - mediators and moderators of uptake
  - intermediate endpoints that can be used as surrogates for behavior, e.g., intention, preferences
Knowledge Gaps & Directions for Future Research

We need to consider where we are in the diffusion curve and how that affects the types of interventions we use.

- For new screening tests
  - focus on never users
  - consider a stepped approach where we begin with a minimal intervention, e.g., an invitation, to cull those most likely to comply followed by a more intensive intervention for those less willing

- For well-diffused tests
  - focus on those who are overdue for screening
  - Need more intensive intervention strategies?
Effect of Breast Cancer Awareness Month on Mammography Use

In 1993, October was declared Breast Cancer Awareness Month, with the third Friday of October designated as National Mammography Day. According to data from 3,869,763 screening mammograms recorded in the National Cancer Institute's Breast Cancer Surveillance Consortium from 1994–2003, there was an initial increase in mammography use in October versus other months in the same calendar year. This increase has become less prominent over time. However, October remains the most likely month that women select to undergo screening mammography.

Source: Breast Cancer Surveillance Consortium; access at http://breastscreening-cancer.gov. Correspondence to William E. Barlow, Ph.D., Cancer Research and Biostatistics, 1730 Minor Ave. Suite 1900, Seattle, WA 98101 (e-mail: williamb@crab.org)

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Knowledge Gaps & Directions for Future Research

- We need to determine the optimal frequency, duration, and intensity of interventions
  - when to use a minimal cue arm in addition to (instead of?) a survey-only and/or no contact control group
  - evaluate the relative effectiveness of different types of minimal cues
Knowledge Gaps & Directions for Future Research

- We need reliable and valid measures of screening uptake – both self-report and record sources (EMR, administrative databases)
  - we need to agree on conceptual (e.g., ever, recent, repeat) and operational (e.g., within past 12 months; month/year) definitions of behavioral outcomes
  - we need to understand sources of error and bias in all of our data sources
Section in CEBP on Validity of Colorectal Cancer Screening Behaviors

- Bastani R, Glenn B, Maxwell A. Validation of self-reported colorectal cancer screening in a study of ethnically-diverse first-degree relatives of colorectal cancer patients identified from the California Cancer Registry.

- Beebe TJ, Stoner SM, Anderson KJ, Davern ME, Rockwood TH. The effects of data collection mode (telephone vs. mail) and asking about future intentions on self-reports of colorectal cancer screening.

- Jones RM, Mongin SJ, Lavozich D, Church TR, Yeazel MW. Validity of four self-reported colorectal cancer screening modalities in a general population: differences over time and by intervention assignment. NOTE:


- Vernon SW, Tiro JA, Vojvodic RW, Coan SP, Diamond PM, Greisinger A. Reliability and validity of self-reported colorectal cancer screening behaviors: Does mode of administration matter?
Knowledge Gaps & Directions for Future Research

- Successful or evidence-based programs will not naturally diffuse into routine practice.
- Potential for dissemination must be a priority throughout the planning, implementation, evaluation, and reporting phases of intervention research.
Knowledge Gaps & Directions for Future Research

- We need to consider intervention efficacy vs. effectiveness
  - We need to use and evaluate study designs in addition to RCTs
  - External validity warrants more attention

- We need to improve the quality of execution and reporting of trials
  - Use the modified CONSORT criteria to report results of RCTs
Intervention Research Across the Diffusion Curve

New Efficacy Research → Motivate late adopters and laggards - address specific issues of under-served

Dissemination Research → Disseminate evidence-based interventions, incorporate systems to remind and reinforce

Efficacy Research → Motivate adopters. Special efforts to reach under-served populations

Mass Media → Create awareness

Basic Behavioral Research → Reach and motivate early adopters, including both providers and public/patients

Thanks to Barbara Rimer
Recent CRC Screening by Age

NHIS 2005: Weighted Percentages of Men & Women over 50
Recent CRC Screening by Education

FOBT within past year

Endoscopy within past 10 years

FOBT or Endoscopy

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Recent CRC Screening by 
# MD Visits (1 yr)

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Recent CRC Screening by Usual Care

- **FOBT within past year**
  - Usual Care~Yes: 13%
  - Usual Care~No: 5%

- **Endoscopy within past 10 years**
  - Usual Care~Yes: 47%
  - Usual Care~No: 23%

- **FOBT or Endoscopy**
  - Usual Care~Yes: 52%
  - Usual Care~No: 25%

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