

# EL RIO HEALTH

**SCOPE:**

This policy applies to **CLINICAL** and **NON-CLINICAL** departments in the following El Rio Health functional areas and/or locations (check all that apply):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family Medicine   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same Day Appt. Clinic | <input type="checkbox"/> Radiology                         | <input type="checkbox"/> MOR/DOS         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internal Medicine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HOB/HOU               | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Administration  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pediatrics                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SIA                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laboratory             | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dental            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Care Coordination     | <input type="checkbox"/> HIM                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Behavioral Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Wellness                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology            | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Office |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Midwives          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clinical Pharmacy     | <input type="checkbox"/> Patient Communications            | <input type="checkbox"/> Coding          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OB/GYN            | <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advocacy & Eligibility | <input type="checkbox"/> Security        |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Purchasing                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical therapy                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation  |

**PROCEDURE DESCRIPTION:**  
Standing order for Screening for Colorectal Cancer

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**REFERENCE NUMBER:**  
NUR-024-SOP-SO-016

**APPROVAL DATE:**  
10/2022

**DATES REVIEWED WITHOUT CHANGE:**

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**  
10/2022

**REPLACES POLICY DATED:**  
09/2019:10/2020:09/2021

**NEXT REVIEW DATE:**  
10/2023

**DATE RETIRED:**  
N/A

**RESPONSIBILITY:**  
Medical Directors  
Regional Health Center Directors

**APPROVALS:**  
PPC: 10/2022  
CAC: 10/2022  
CCO: 10/2022

**Authorized by Chief Clinical Officer (CCO):**



**PURPOSE:** This will provide El Rio staff with a standing order to close colorectal cancer screening gaps when the following criteria are met:

1. Patients must be registered with El Rio Health.
2. Patient must be 45 years of age and up to 75 years of age, (US Preventative Service Task Force suggested age for screening).
3. No Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT)/Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) in the prior calendar year.
4. No Colonoscopy in the last 10 years – unless it is required earlier than 10 years for surveillance.
5. No Cologuard (DNA stool test) within the past three years.
6. New El Rio patients with no readily obtainable record of screening within the accepted time frame.
7. No Cologuard if personal history of colon cancer.
8. No FOBT if personal history of colon cancer.

**PROCEDURE:**

**Insured patient / Uninsured patient or patient with ability to pay**

1. Offer patient option to complete a FOBT exam, Cologuard, or colonoscopy with a gastroenterologist.

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2. Recommend colonoscopy if #7 or #8 in the purpose statement applies to patient.
3. If patient chooses to get colonoscopy, write a referral as “Colonoscopy for colon cancer screening,” if patient agrees use referral template in the Electronic Health Record (EHR) to generate referral.
4. If patient chooses FOBT screening, submit a lab order through the EHR for FOBT.
5. If patient chooses Cologuard, the nursing staff can complete AND FAX the Cologuard form and send the form to the Health Information Management (HIM) department to be placed in the patient’s EHR.
6. Inform patient that all results will be given to provider.

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