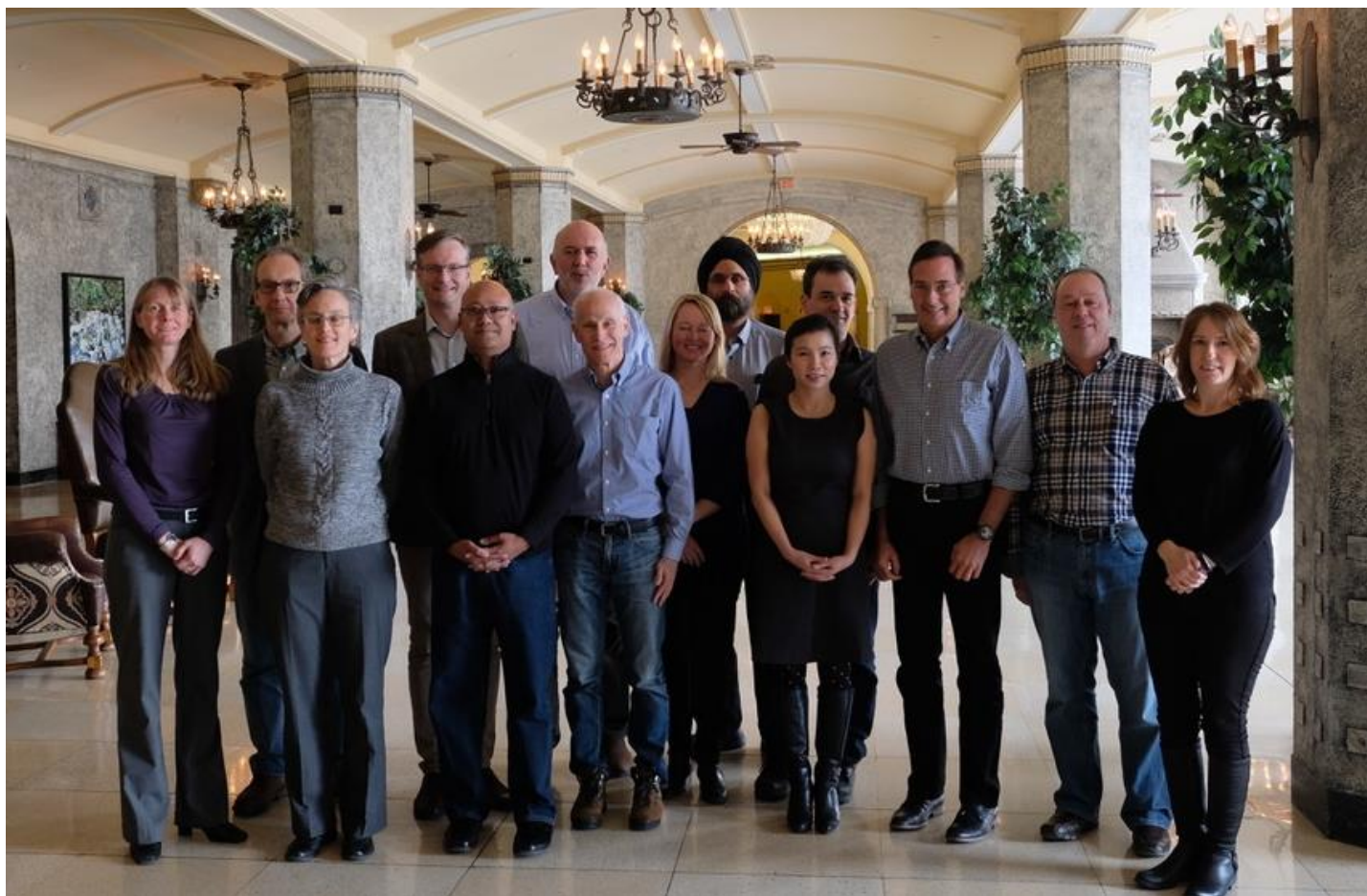


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CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE

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Background

- CRC second leading cause of deaths in US and Canada
- Prevalence of an individual having
 - ≥ 1 or more FDR with CRC: 3-10%
 - ≥ 2 FDR: 0.3%
- Individuals with a positive family history are at increased risk of developing CRC
- Few guidelines on detailed recommendations for those with FH history of CRC or adenoma
 - Have not systematically reviewed the literature
 - No recent CAG guideline on the topic

Background 2

- Individuals with a FHx of CRC are more likely to adhere to CRC screening recommendations compared to those without
- But even among this higher-risk population, participation rates remain less than optimal

Objectives

- The purpose of this guideline was to systematically and critically review the literature and provide specific recommendations for CRC screening of individuals with a FH of nonhereditary CRC or adenoma
- This is a CAG guideline, that was endorsed post hoc by the AGA

Targeted patient population

- This guideline specifically excludes individuals with hereditary syndromes (~5% of all CRC), such as
 - Lynch syndrome,
 - familial adenomatous polyposis,
 - attenuated familial adenomatous polyposis,
 - MUTYH-associated polyposis,
 - Peutz–Jeghers syndrome,
 - juvenile polyposis syndrome,
 - Cowden syndrome,
 - serrated (hyperplastic) polyposis syndrome,
 - hereditary pancreatic cancer, and
 - hereditary gastric cancer

Methods

- The review process focused on 5 principal questions:
 - For an individual, how does the **FH of CRC** (including the number and family connection of affected relatives) or the **FH of adenoma** (including the stage of adenoma) affect his/her **own risk of CRC**?
 - For an individual with a FH of CRC or adenoma, **at what age** should screening begin?
 - For an individual with a FH of CRC or adenoma, **what is/are the optimal screening test(s)**?
 - For an individual with a FH of CRC or adenoma, **what are the optimal testing intervals**?

Overview of methodology

- Evidence for guidelines:
 - Multiple parallel systematic reviews
 - 10 literature searches (>35,000 titles)
 - > 2000 full texts reviewed
- GRADE methodology and Evidence to Decision framework (where relevant) applied
- Anonymous voting

Recommendations

- 19 recommendation statements developed and voted on
 - Accepted if $\geq 75\%$ of participants voted agree or strongly agree
- Strength of recommendations
 - QoE**, benefit/harm balance, patients' values/preferences, and resource requirements
 - Strong = “we recommend”
 - Conditional = “we suggest”

Because of the nature of the evidence, concept of “spectrum of risk” is important



Table 2. Summary of Recommendations for Screening for Colorectal Cancer in Individuals With a Family History According to Decreasing Level of Elevated Risk of Colorectal Cancer^a

FH according to decreasing level of elevated risk of CRC					
Highest risk			Lowest risk		
2 or more FDRs with CRC	1 FDR with CRC	1 or more FDR with documented advanced adenoma	1 or more SDR with CRC	1 or more FDR with any non-advanced adenoma	
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	According to average-risk guidelines	
Colonoscopy	Colonoscopy FIT	No recommendation for a preferred test. Colonoscopy or FIT are both options	According to average-risk guidelines		
40 y or 10 y younger than age of diagnosis of earliest diagnosed FDR, whichever is earlier ^a	40–50 y or 10 y younger than age of diagnosis of FDR, whichever is earlier ^a	40–50 y or 10 y younger than age of diagnosis of earliest diagnosed FDR, whichever is earlier ^a	50 y		
Colonoscopy: 5 y	Colonoscopy: 5–10 y FIT: 1–2 y	Colonoscopy: 5–10 y FIT: 1–2 y	According to average-risk guidelines		

^aThe age of the affected relative should be considered when making clinical decisions regarding screening.

Principal Question: #1 - a

Q1. For an individual, what is the effect of an FH of CRC (including the number and family connection of affected relatives, for example, 1 FDR, ≥ 2 FDRs, ≥ 1 SDRs) on his/her own risk of CRC?

- Taking the data altogether, an **RR of 2** or more was a reasonable cutoff point to define a clinically significant increased risk of CRC
- An **individual with an FH of 1 FDR** with CRC is likely at a **2-fold higher risk of CRC** compared to those without
- An individual's CRC risk **increases with an increasing number of affected FDRs** (as eg: 3-6x increase if >2 FDR w CRC)

Principal Question: #1 - b

Q1. For an individual, what is the effect of an FH of CRC (including the number and family connection of affected relatives, for example, 1 FDR, ≥ 2 FDRs, ≥ 1 SDRs) on his/her own risk of CRC?

- The **degree of the relationship** also impacts the risk of CRC, with the elevated risk being driven largely by the presence of 1 or more FDRs, rather than 1 or more SDRs (**RR ~1.2**)
- Individuals whose FHx includes **only SDRs** with CRC can be **regarded as average-risk** individuals
- **CAUTION:**
 - Take a careful FHx
 - Germline genetic testing should be considered in those with a high burden of CRC among relatives

Principal Question: #2 - a

Q2. For an individual, what is the effect of an FH of adenoma (including advanced and nonadvanced adenoma) on his/her own risk of CRC or adenoma?

- The malignant potential of an adenoma increases with size, histology, and number
- Prevalence of adenomas: 20-30%, advanced adenomas 6-7%
- Evidence for an **increased risk of CRC** in individuals with a FHx of adenomas is very limited and appears low (OR as low as 0.86), but with a **greater risk** (RR~1.68) amongst patients with a FHx of **advanced adenomas**

Principal Question: #2 - b

Q2. For an individual, what is the effect of an FH of adenoma (including advanced and nonadvanced adenoma) on his/her own risk of CRC or adenoma?

- Siblings of individuals with ≥ 1 advanced adenoma had
 - 6-fold increased odds of advanced adenoma and
 - 3-fold increased odds of any adenoma
- Elevated risks when FDR with advanced adenoma **<60 yrs; still elevated when >60 yrs**
- So mainly increased risk for FHx of **ADVANCED adenoma** (even if most patients unaware); guidelines thus focus on these but only if documented as such (if not assume not)

Principal Question: #3 - a

Q3. For an individual with an FH of CRC or adenoma, at what age should screening begin? (eg, age <60 years vs age ≥60 years, contingent on age of diagnosis of relative)?

- In 3 recent studies the RR was **2.35** (1.92–2.86) when **FDR <60 yrs and 1.79** (1.58–2.03) **if > 60 yrs** - P=.02, thought clinically important
- The (HR) **risk decreases as age of FDR increases, but remains elevated for any age cut-off** (HR from 2.53 to 1.69 per 10 yrs ranges <40 and ≥80)
- There is thus a **continuum for increased risk** based on the age of FDR CRC diagnosis, but a cutoff of age at 50 or 60 years is rather arbitrary
- The FDR age should be considered when making clinical decisions regarding screening

Principal Question: #3 - b

Q3. For an individual with an FH of CRC or adenoma, at what age should screening begin? (eg, age <60 years vs age ≥60 years, contingent on age of diagnosis of relative)?

- Data assessing the age of the individual to be screened for CRC have shown that the risk of CRC increases with age in both average- and high-risk populations
- The evidence supports an elevated risk of CRC for all individuals with a FHx, and screening programs are likely effective in all age subgroups
- No age-specific risk of CRC data for FHx of adenomas
- The clinical decision to initiate early screening should **consider both the ages of the individual and affected relative**; age-specific risk of CRC is a continuum and is elevated at all ages compared to those with no FH

Principal Question: #4 - a

Q4. For an individual with an FH of CRC or adenoma, what screening tests are recommended (eg, colonoscopy, FIT)?

- The 4 main testing strategies considered were **colonoscopy**, FS, gFOBT, and **FIT**
- Evidence extrapolated from average-risk populations
- Only 1 RCT in individuals with FHx CRC comparing FIT and colonoscopy, but results not reliable due to high risk of bias and serious imprecision
- Individuals with FHx of CRC are more likely to adhere to CRC screening recommendations
- Patient preference and cost-effectiveness are also considerations

Principal Question: #4 - b

Q4. For an individual with an FH of CRC or adenoma, what screening tests are recommended (eg, colonoscopy, FIT)?

- In summary, the efficacy, patient preference, and cost-effectiveness **data support colonoscopy as preferred test for individuals at highest risk, but that FIT is an acceptable alternative** depending on the individual's specific risk level, other patient factors, and the availability of resources

Principal Question: #5

Q5. For an individual with an FH of CRC or adenoma, what are the recommended testing intervals?

- Screening interval extrapolated from the natural history of adenomas in unselected screened individuals
- There is little evidence to suggest the natural progression of adenomas in individuals with a FHx would differ from those without a FHx
- **No good data to confidently inform screening intervals for a FHx of CRC or adenomas**

**AND NOW (FINALLY) THE
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Screen vs No screen

- For an individual with ≥ 1 FDR with CRC, we recommend screening over no screening
- For an individual with ≥ 1 SDR with CRC, we recommend screening over no screening
- For an individual with ≥ 1 FDR with documented AA, we recommend screening over no screening

Strong
Evidence
SA 100%

Mod
Evidence
SA 88%
A 13%

Mod
Evidence
SA 63%
A 38%

1 FDR with CRC

- We suggest **colonoscopy** as the preferred screening test over no screening or all other screening modalities
- We suggest **starting colonoscopy at age 40-50 y or 10 y younger** than the age of diagnosis of the FDR, whichever is earlier
- We suggest screening with colonoscopy at **5-10 y intervals**

V Low Evid

SA 88%

A 13%

V Low Evid

SA 50%

A 50%

V Low Evid

SA 25%

A 63%

Unc 13%

1 FDR with CRC

- We suggest **FIT as a 2nd-line screening option**
- We suggest **starting FIT at age 40-50 y or 10 y younger** than the age of diagnosis of the FDR, whichever is earlier
- We suggest screening with FIT at **1-2 y intervals**

Mod Evid

SA 50%

A 38%

Unc 13%

V Low Evid

SA 25%

A 75%

V Low Evid

SA 38%

A 63%

≥ 2 FDR with CRC (*consider inherited syndromes)

- We recommend **colonoscopy** as the preferred screening test vs no screening or all other screening tests
- We suggest **starting colonoscopy at age 40 y or 10 y younger than** the age of diagnosis of the FDR, whichever is earlier
- We suggest screening with colonoscopy at **5 y intervals**

V Low Evid

SA 63%

A 38%

V Low Evid

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V Low Evid

SA 38%

A 63%

≥ 1 SDR with CRC

- We suggest **starting screening at age 50 y**
- We suggest screening tests and **intervals in accordance with average risk guidelines**

**Low
Evidence**
SA 50%
A 50%

V Low Evid
SA 38%
A 63%

≥ 1 FDR with documented Advanced Adenoma

- No recommendation for the preferred screening test
- We suggest **colonoscopy or FIT** vs no screening or all other screening modalities



V Low Evid
SA 63%
A 38%

≥1 FDR with documented Advanced Adenoma

- We suggest **starting colonoscopy or FIT at age 40-50 y or 10 y younger** than the age of diagnosis of the FDR, whichever is earlier
- We suggest screening with **colonoscopy at 5-10 y intervals**
- We suggest screening with **FIT at 1-2 y intervals**

V Low Evid
SA 38%
A 38%
Unc 26%

V Low Evid
SA 13%
A 75%
Unc 13%

V Low Evid
SA 38%
A 63%


≥ 1 FDR with non-advanced adenoma or polyp of unknown histology

- We suggest **screening in accordance with average risk guidelines**

**Low
Evidence**

SA 63%

A 38%

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Screening over no screening	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	According to average risk guidelines
Preferred test	Colonoscopy	Colonoscopy	No recommendation for a preferred test. Colonoscopy or FIT are both options	According to average risk guidelines	
2nd-line option		FIT			
Age	40 y or 10 y younger than age of diagnosis of earliest diagnosed FDR, whichever is earlier*	40-50 y or 10 y younger than age of diagnosis of FDR, whichever is earlier*	40-50 y or 10 y younger than age of diagnosis of earliest diagnosed FDR, whichever is earlier*	50 y	
Interval	Colonoscopy: 5 y	Colonoscopy: 5-10 y FIT: 1-2 y	Colonoscopy: 5-10 y FIT: 1-2 y	According to average risk guidelines	

CRC = colorectal cancer; FDR = first-degree relative; FH = family history; FIT = fecal immunochemical test; SDR = second-degree relative

*The age of the affected relative should be considered when making clinical decisions regarding screening.

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