

What is the ACRCSP Project?

In partnership with Alberta's current colorectal cancer screening and treatment service providers, Alberta Health Services is developing a provincial strategy for colorectal cancer screening. The result of the project will be a business plan that will identify a provincial screening model, future demand assessment, evaluation plan, resource requirements and recommended implementation approach for the ACRCSP.

The ACRCSP will build on the strengths of current programs and address clinical, practice, administrative and population health aspects using data and best evidence and focusing on improving health outcomes. The plan will review the appropriate lab, endoscopy, pathology and other related services required to support province wide screening and follow-up as required.

This project is a first step in the future development of an Alberta Colorectal Cancer Program (ACRCP) that will incorporate components along the continuum from health promotion and disease prevention to end of life support.

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Work Groups

Professional and public contributors will support the project's development:

Screening Protocols and Clinical Pathways Working Group

Recommends common provincial screening protocols, clinical criteria, parameters and clinical processes that support the ACRCSP based on information derived from research and past work.

Operational Working Group

Identifies and provides strategies for implementing the service delivery model for the ACRCSP.

Education and Awareness Working Group

Provides expertise and guidance for promoting health and preventing colorectal cancer through identification of current and required public, patient and provider awareness and education strategies to support the ACRCSP across the province.

Performance Measurement and Evaluation Working Group

Develops appropriate indicators and identifies data elements and data collection mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the performance of the ACRCSP.

Timeline

The ACRCSP Business Plan will be available in the fall of 2010.

Contact Us

This Bulletin serves to announce the ACRCSP project. One other Bulletin will be released at the time of project completion. If you would like to provide any input or feedback on the project, please contact: Vivian.Ceilin@albertahealthservices.ca