

# Participating in the BC Cancer Colon Screening Program: Information for Providers in Northern Health

Starting on July 29<sup>th</sup>, Northern Health will begin to participate in the BC Cancer Colon Screening Program. Here is a summary of what you and your patients can expect:

## 1 Recall Notifications for Patients

For patients whose FIT results were copied to the Colon Screening Program prior to July 29, 2024, the Colon Screening Program will mail a reminder letter with a laboratory requisition to patients, on behalf of the provider on record, when they are due for their next FIT.

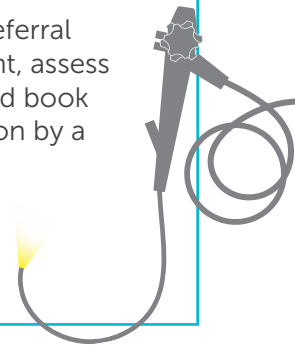
**What this means for patients:** Patients with an active provider on record will receive a requisition for FIT when they are due to screen. If a patient changes their residential address to another address in BC, they can update their information through [AddressChangeBC](http://www.addresschange.gov.bc.ca) ([www.addresschange.gov.bc.ca](http://www.addresschange.gov.bc.ca)) to ensure the requisition is sent to the correct location.



## 2 Facilitated Referrals to Colonoscopy

If a patient has an abnormal (positive) FIT result, the Colon Screening Program will facilitate a referral for a colonoscopy to the patient's Health Authority. The Health Authority will contact the patient, assess their medical history, provide information on colonoscopy, provide preparation instructions, and book a colonoscopy procedure, if appropriate. Some patients may require chart review or consultation by a colonoscopist prior to the colonoscopy.

**What this means for your practice:** If a patient's FIT result is abnormal, you will no longer need to manually refer them for a colonoscopy. You will receive a notice of referral indicating where the patient was referred.



## 3 Notifications for Providers

To help you support your patients with routine colon screening and any recommended follow-up, the Colon Screening Program will notify you:

- When a patient is due for screening; and
- When a patient is referred for colonoscopy.

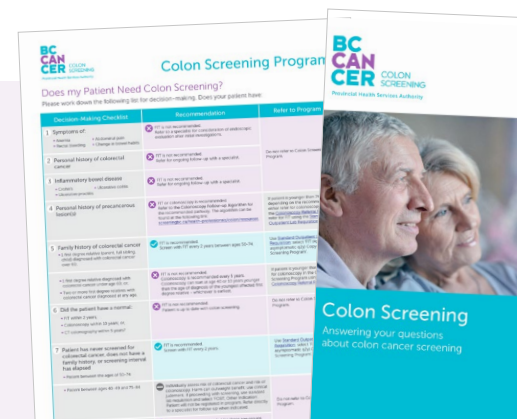
You will receive these notifications through Excelleris.

## Order resources for your clinic and patients



Scan the QR code to [submit an order](#) for free colon screening promotional and program support materials, including referral forms.

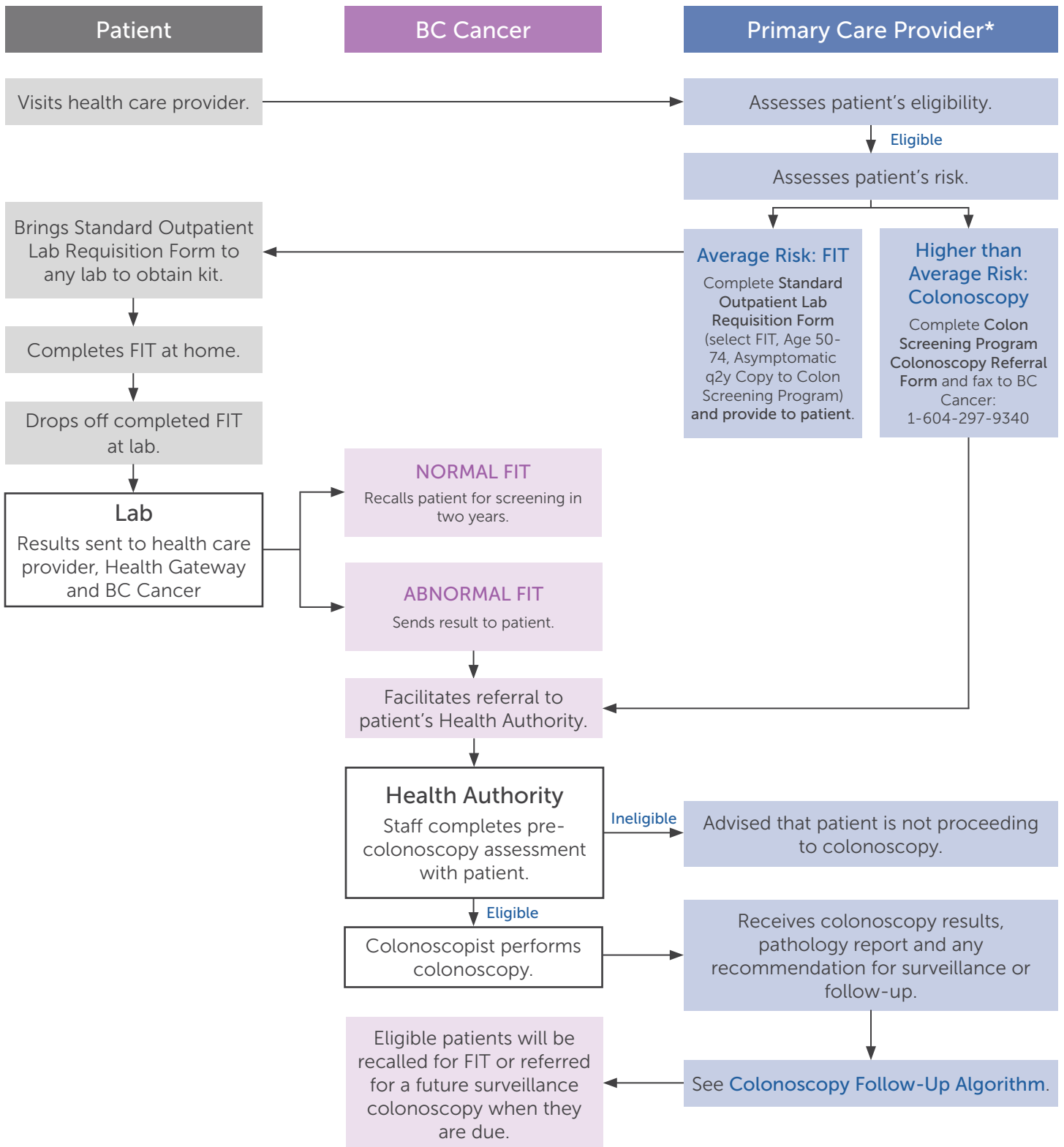
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# About the BC Cancer Colon Screening Program

Implemented in November 2013, the Colon Screening Program offers biennial FIT testing to average-risk individuals and provides a follow-up colonoscopy for abnormal results. BC Cancer provides oversight for organized cancer screening in BC, and delivers the Colon Screening Program in partnership with regional health authorities, laboratory service providers, primary care providers and specialists.

## Patient Pathway: Colon Screening and Follow-Up



\*Includes both general practitioners and nurse practitioners