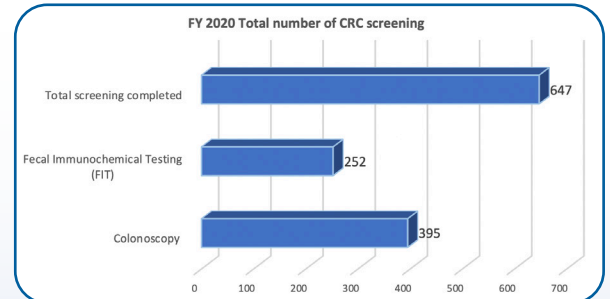


South Carolina is saving lives, and healthcare costs by supporting Colorectal Cancer Screening Period of July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Fiscal 2020 CCPN program update

The number of CRC screening completed was impacted by:

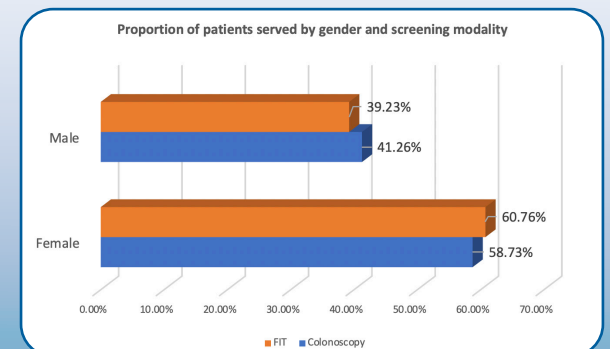
- 2 hurricanes, tropical storms,
- COVID-19 (2019-nCov2) pandemic,
- Discontinuation of all elective surgeries by Governor McMaster,
- Low capacity of endoscopy procedures between August and December 2020.



The CCPN achieved 81% of its annual screening goal by screening 647 individuals.

Partnering organizations serving patients living in 42/46 counties:

- 120 partnering Free Medical Clinics (FMCs), Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Access Health Partners
- 19 hospitals/endoscopy centers.



Improvements to overcome barriers such as COVID-19

- Implemented a virtual patient navigation process using web-platforms.
- Facilitated referral process to stool-based testing (FIT).
- Developed a process with endoscopy to prioritize patients with positive stool-based tests.
- Expanded screening delivery using virtual navigation to remove barriers for patients who live in rural areas with little access to endoscopy centers.

Awareness and Outreach

In March, at the State House, the CCPN launched its awareness designed to inform South Carolinians about colorectal cancer risk factors and effectiveness of screening to prevent the disease.

Budget and unspent funds by 6/30/2020 used as carry over in 2021

On July 1st 2020 the CCPN recorded a carry-over of \$121,024.62 from FY 2020. This carry over was spent by August 30th 2020 with a record high number of colonoscopy procedures scheduled as elective screening colonoscopy procedures became available.



Projection for Fiscal 2021



Screen 800 to 1000 individuals for CRC

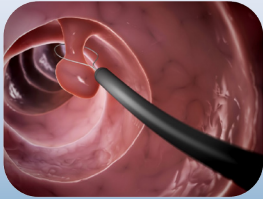
using a combination of colonoscopy and stool-based testing (FIT).



Use virtual patient navigation platform to screen patients, and address barriers for people in rural areas.

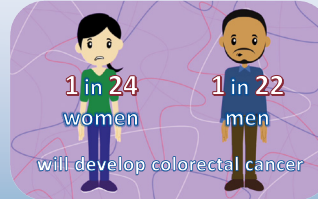


Implement changes to the program to screen individuals **starting at 45yrs of age**.



Implement screening surveillance colonoscopies

for patients due for follow-up screening per gastroenterologists' recommendations.



Create awareness of the importance of knowing personal CRC risk factors and the importance of screening for all South Carolinians 45yrs of age through 75yrs of age.

Need for additional funding to support the CCPN efforts

1. **Changes in screening guidelines** from 50 to 45yrs of age. (Which requires funding to screen and additional 200 patients each year).
2. **Delayed screenings due to COVID-19**. (Catch up screenings.)
3. **Increase in referrals** (Patients 45-50yrs of age, patients who loss of insurance benefit as a result of COVID-19.)
4. **Increase in cost of screenings** due to PPE, mailing of screenings tests.
5. Significant **rise of colorectal cancer in younger adults** with an importance incidence in South Carolina. (Outreach and awareness efforts needed.)
6. **Encourage all South Carolinians to re-engage in preventive screening** that they stopped due to COVID-19.
7. **Educate health insurers on the changes in screening recommendations**, as 76% of privately insured individuals are not up to date with screening according to the CDC.

Budget justification for increase funding of \$250,000.00 annually

To increase number of screening complete from 1000 to 1200 patients screened annually and address disparities in cancer screening the CCPN requires additional funding.

\$200,000.00 (screening direct services)

\$50,000.00 (education on CRC risk factors and NEW screening guidelines)

\$250,000.00 (total in additional funding needed)

Date Range: 7/1/2020 to 12/31/2020

Total CRC Screenings: 525

- Open Access Colo (150)
- Colo due to FIT(+) (17)
- Repeat Colo w/in 1yr (13)
- Early Screening due to Family HX (3)

