

New York State Colonoscopy Registry

Who We Are

Community Healthcare Network (CHN) is a not-for profit network of 11 Federally-Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), including two school-based health centers and a fleet of medical mobile vans. We offer free and low-cost quality primary care to 85,000 New Yorkers annually in underserved communities in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens. As a certified Patient-Centered Medical Home, we offer patients a specialized care team, including primary care physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, nutritionists, dentists, gynecologists, mental health therapists, social workers, podiatrists, and health educators.

Our Proposal

An electronic registry that maintains colonoscopy records for New York State residents. The records will, at minimum, include dates and locations of previous colonoscopy testing.

In 2017, New York State saw an estimated 8,490 new colorectal cases and 2,870 colon cancer-related deaths.

American Cancer Society, 2017

Why It's Needed

- The registry will **increase rates of early colon cancer detection and treatment, and eliminate unnecessary colonoscopies.** The American College of Gastroenterology recommends that individuals begin receiving colonoscopies at 50 years of age, and then receive follow-up colonoscopies every 10 years, unless the individual has risk factors such as a family history.
- For most patients, **recalling the date and results of a colonoscopy over 10 years is very difficult.** Without access to dates and lab information, primary care providers will often prescribe unnecessary colonoscopies.
- With a registry, **providers will have access to consolidated and accurate colonoscopy records of their patients,** can see reminders when it is time for another colonoscopy, and can ensure their patients comply with the recommended testing schedule.
- The registry will also **save the government funding** through a reduction in unnecessary testing, will provide vital data for benchmarking and surveillance research, and will expedite managed care organization's approval timeline's for prescribed testing.

Who Reports?

Like other registries in New York, this would be mandatory for all providers of colonoscopies or other colon cancer screenings. All data from testing and treatment will be uploaded to the registry, including those from private providers and endoscopy centers.