

# ColonCancerCheck

## Unattached Patient Information for Physicians

As part of the ColonCancerCheck Program, beginning April 2008, eligible Ontarian's without a primary care provider will be able to receive a Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) kit through community pharmacies and Telehealth Ontario. In order to ensure appropriate follow-up for those patients that have a positive FOBT or are at increased risk (a first degree relative with colorectal cancer), the program is determining physician availability to accept these unattached patients.

Based on available data, the number of the patients is expected to be small. The number of unattached patients who require intensive follow up due to an abnormal colonoscopy will be a small subset of this group.

To support physicians in their effort to care for the unattached patients, a *New Patient Fee* for FOBT Positive/Colorectal Cancer Increased Risk patients is available.

To learn more about the new and enhanced physician incentives effective April 1, 2008, consult the *New and Enhanced Incentives for Colorectal Cancer Screening Fact Sheet* distributed to all primary care physicians in March 2008. The fact sheet can also be found on the OntarioMD website, and will shortly be on Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care website under OHIP Bulletins.

To be eligible for this New Patient Fee patients must be referred to physicians by the ColonCancerCheck program. If you are willing to receive referrals from ColonCancerCheck for unattached patients that are FOBT positive or at increased risk you are asked to complete the physician survey and fax it to ColonCancerCheck.

Note that you can remove your name from the referral list at any time by contacting the program. As well, the referral list will not be made available publicly – it will only be used by the program for purposes of referring individual patients to physicians.

We encourage you to complete the survey if you are willing to accept unattached patient referrals from the program. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Should you have any questions regarding the ColonCancerCheck Program please contact the Program at 1-866-410-5853.