

Quality Improvement Toolkit

Colorectal Cancer Care

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**Tools you can use to improve
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- Questions will be answered at the end of the session
- Send questions via LiveMeeting or to cyberseminar@va.gov

Agenda

- Welcome!
- Toolkit Series Overview
- CRC Care Toolkit: Website Tour
- QI in Action: Two CRC tool case studies
- Q&A

Presenters

- **Dede Ordin, MD, MPH** - Director, Special Studies, VA Office of Informatics and Analytics
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Welcome & Recap: Quality of CRC Care in VA

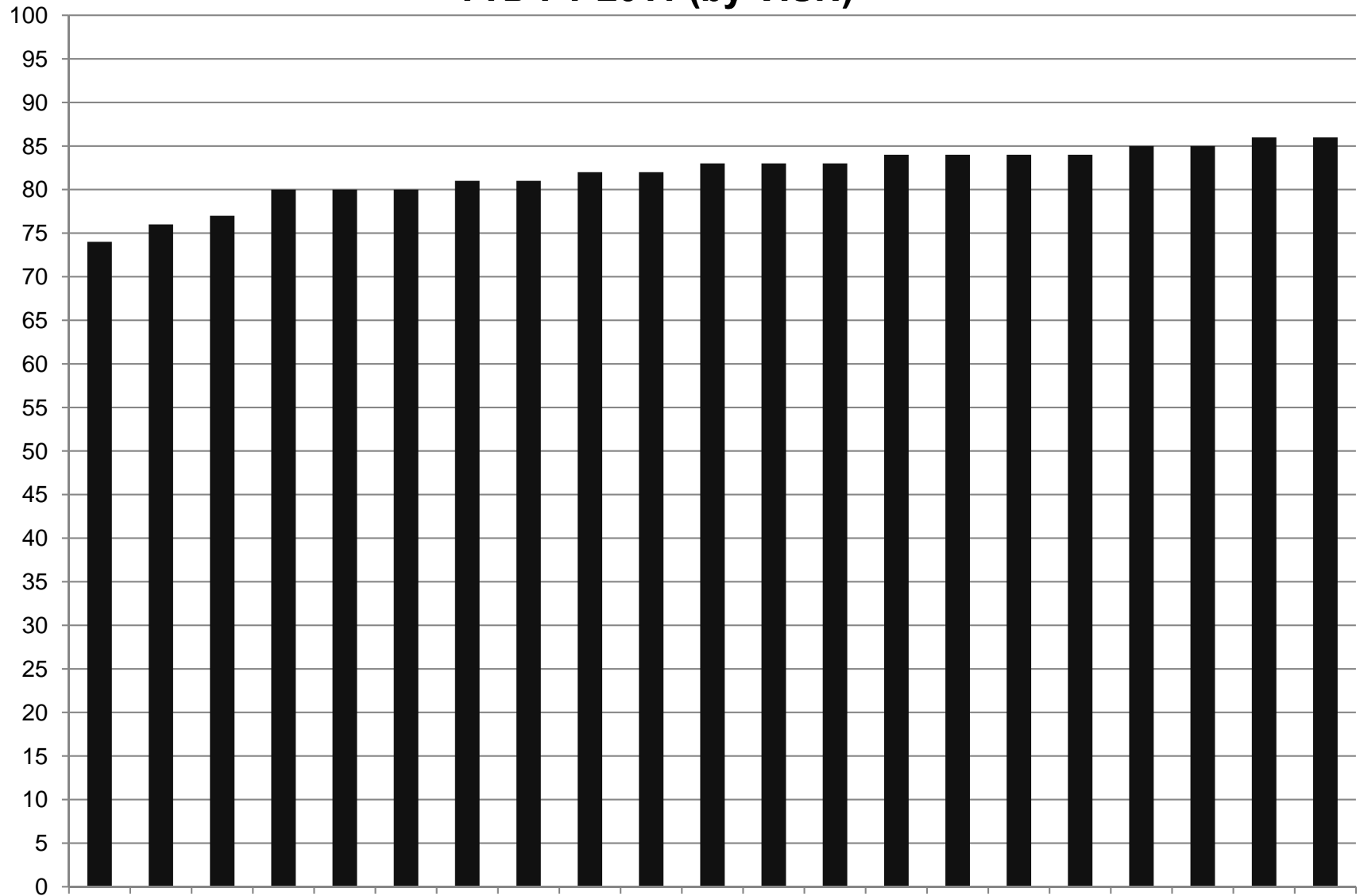
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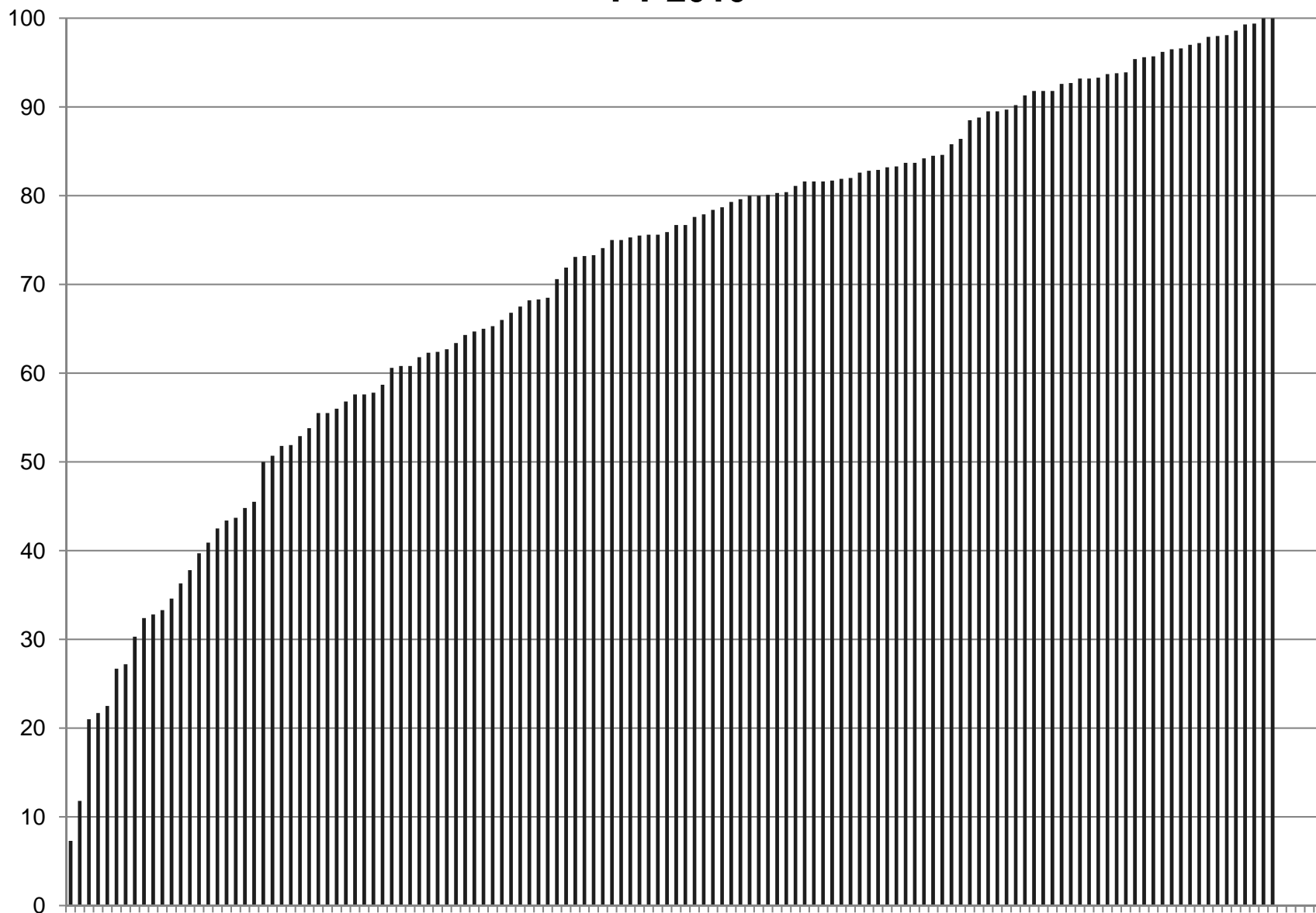
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% of members 50 - 75 years of age who had appropriate CRC screening

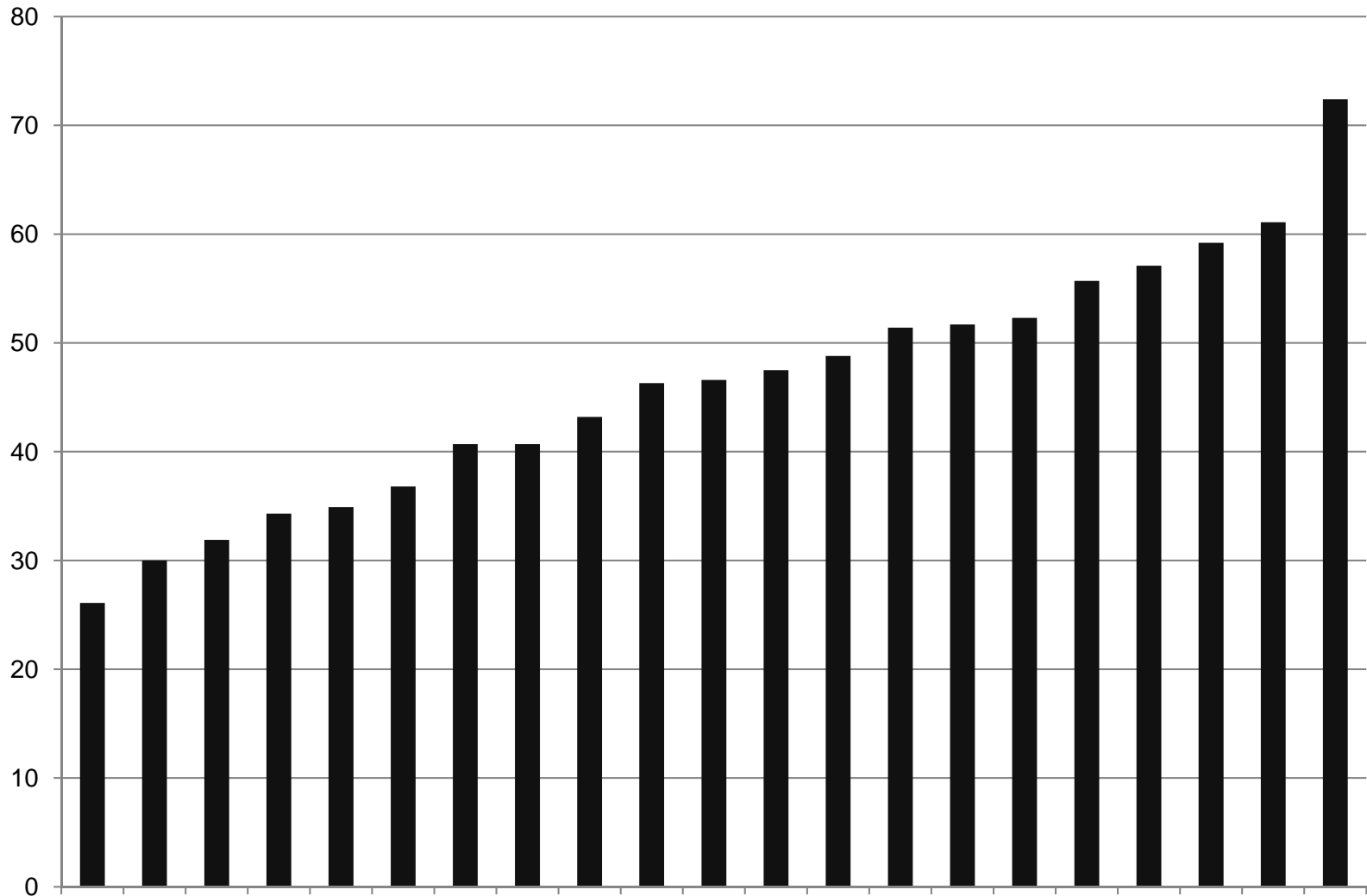
YTD FY 2011 (by VISN)



% of patients who underwent colonoscopy \leq 90 days after the date of the first positive CRC screening FOBT (by facility) FY 2010



**13 or more lymph nodes resected for stage II and III CRC patients undergoing curative-intent surgical resection (VISN level data)
(OQP Special Study on Quality of CRC Care in the VA 2003-2006)**



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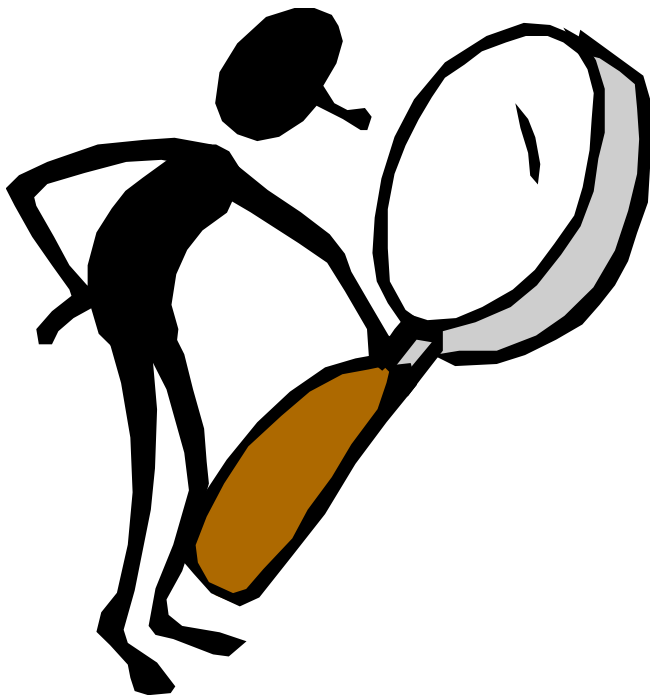
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**Imagine a school where
performance was graded, but little
else was provided to guide
performance improvement...**



*Without the proper tools,
performance improvement
cannot be evaluated,
measured, or improved upon.*

Colorectal Cancer Care Toolkit to the rescue!

- Launched March 2011
- Designed to help VA facilities create a feasible QI plan
 - ✓ *each tool linked to 1+ VA quality metrics*
 - ✓ *search for tools by indicator or by name*
- Special thanks to QUERI Colorectal Cancer Care Collaboratives (C4 Treatment and Diagnosis Collaboratives)
- This is your website! (many interactive features)

CRC Toolkit Website Tour

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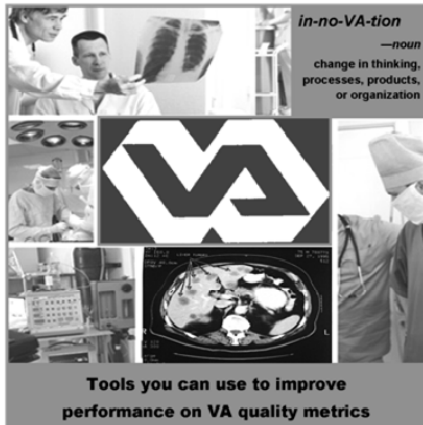
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CRC Care Toolkit Tour

- User's Guide to Quality Improvement
- How to find tools for possible adoption
- How to share your experiences and innovations with other Toolkit users

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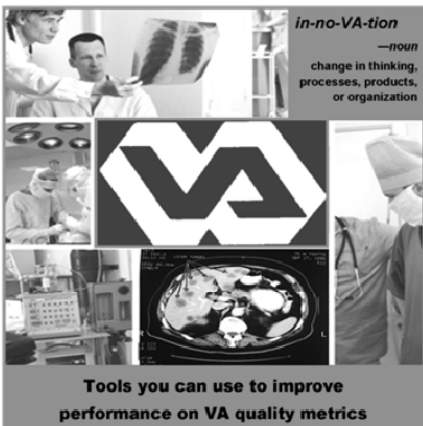
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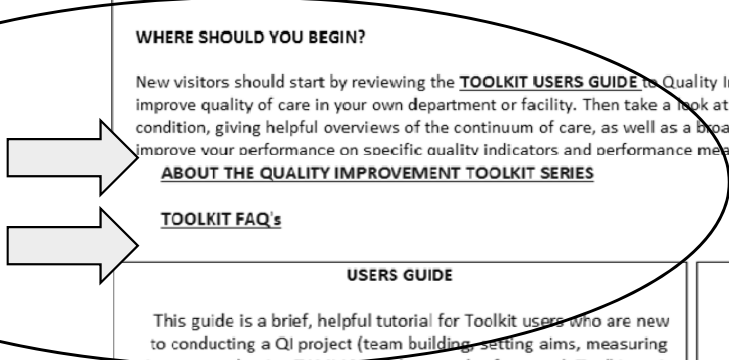
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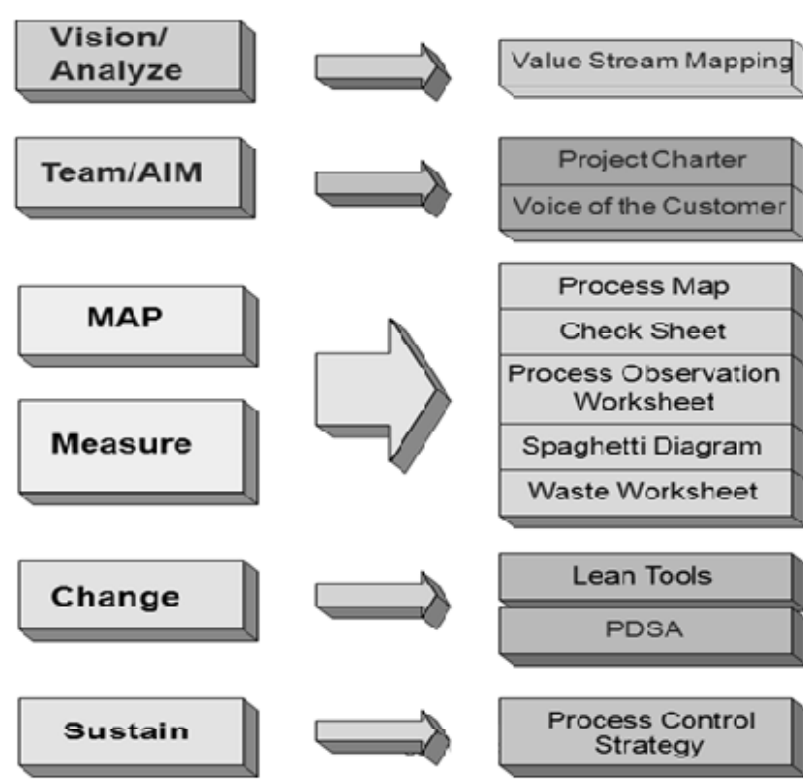
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Click on items in the diagram below for further explanation:

Systems Redesign TAMMCS Framework

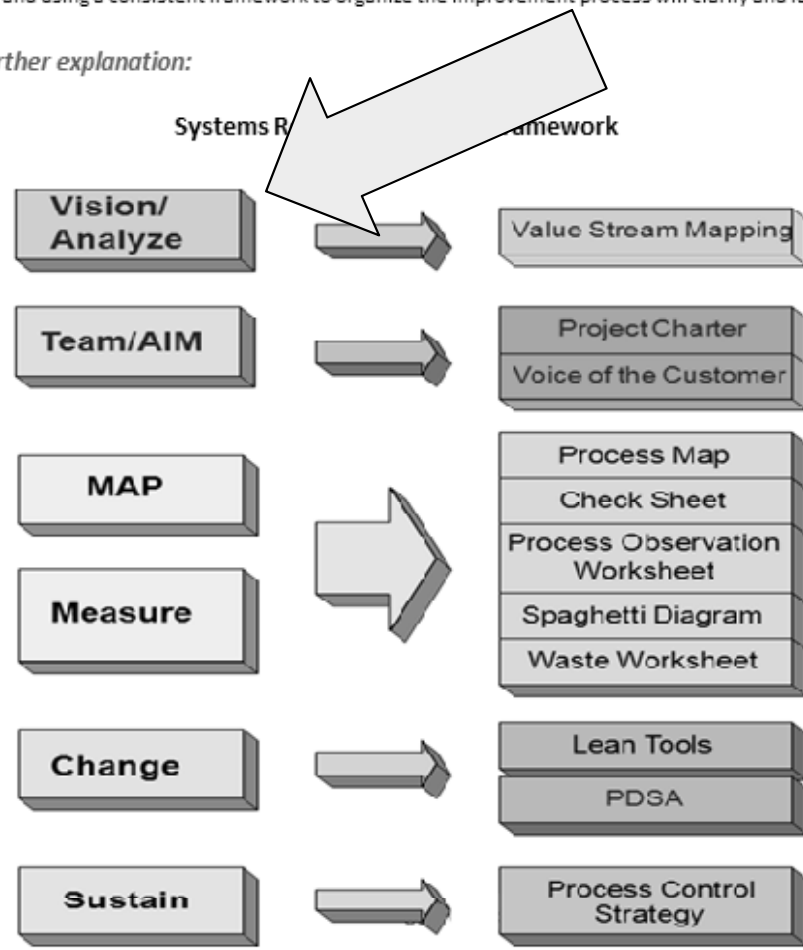


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STEP #1: VISION/ANALYZE

The “Vision-Analyze” steps involve mapping how your processes are currently working at a very high (“50,000-foot”) level. Continuum of care mapping and the more detailed value stream mapping are done to draw a picture of how care is delivered. You and your staff know what is *supposed* to happen, step by step, from the time a patient receives a certain diagnosis through treatment and support. The “Vision-Analyze” steps show you what *actually* happens.

In VA-TAMMCS steps 3-4 (Map & Measure), you’ll go even deeper into individual processes and sub-processes. For now, focus on the big picture!

Continuum of Care Mapping

Understanding the continuum of care is critical to determining what changes are needed to improve care. The medical evaluations that are required to diagnose a disease, its particular characteristics in a given patient as well as the assessment of a patient’s overall medical condition are complex. There are many necessary steps that encompass the continuum of care leading to the determination of appropriate treatment.

In order to analyze how well your facility is performing in meeting a quality indicator for a particular condition, you should consider not only the specific element of that indicator but also determine if the processes of care up to that point have been performed in an optimal manner. This assessment includes identifying barriers to reaching a stated goal, which may be categorized as organizational, structural, process, knowledge, etc. During the analysis, opportunities for improving a quality goal may become evident in the form of streamlining processes, assigning responsibility for certain functions, facilitating tasks, and increasing the knowledge base.

Continuum of care mapping is one of the most important Lean and Systems Redesign tools and strategies described in this toolkit that can help you focus your efforts. Other Lean tools can then be used with the continuum of care map to identify operational barriers and sources of variation.

Continuum of care mapping uses a Lean technique called value stream mapping to identify improvement strategies based on the

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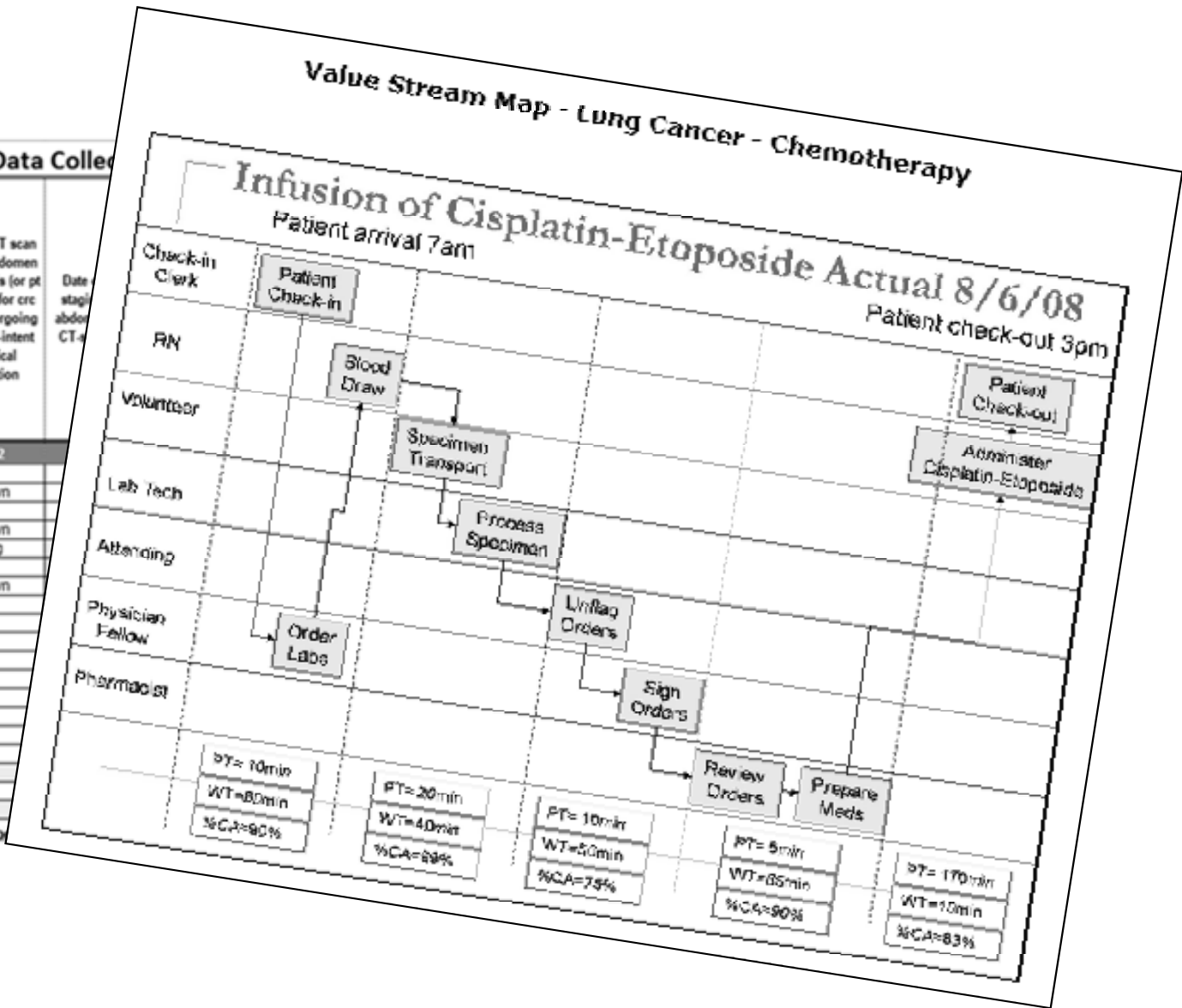
1 **Colorectal Cancer Data Collection Tool**

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2										
3	TYPE	Q.1	Q.2	Q.3	Q.4	Q.5	Q.6	Q.7	Q.8	Q.9
6	1	1/7/08	N/A	8/12/09	N/A	No	2/13/08	N/A	N/A	Stage I with T2N0M0
7	1	2/27/08	Unknown	7/20/09	No	Yes		No	Yes	Stage I with T2N0M0
8	1	2/6/08	Yes	2/28/08	No	No	3/14/08	Yes	Yes	Stage IIIA:T1-T2N1M0
9	1	2/15/08	Unknown	2/2/09	Yes	No	2/17/08	Unknown	Yes	Stage IIA:T3N0M0
10	1	4/15/08	Pending		Pending	No	4/16/08	N/A	N/A	Stage IIIB:T3-T4N1M0
11	1	3/18/08	N/A		N/A	No		N/A	N/A	Stage I with T2N0M0
12	1	2/28/08	Unknown		Yes	No	7/2/08	Unknown	No	Stage IIIA:T1-T2N1M0
13	1	2/21/08	N/A		N/A	No		N/A	Yes	Stage I with T2N0M0
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15	1	3/17/08	N/A		N/A	No		N/A		Stage IIIA:T1-T2N1M0
16	1	3/25/08	N/A		N/A	No		Yes	Yes	Stage documented
17	2	4/24/08			No					
18	1	12/10/08	Yes	12/23/08	Yes	Unknown	2/4/09	N/A	Yes	
19	2	1/9/09	N/A		N/A	No		N/A	N/A	
20	2	12/15/08	No		N/A	No		N/A	N/A	
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22	1	11/3/08			No			N/A	N/A	
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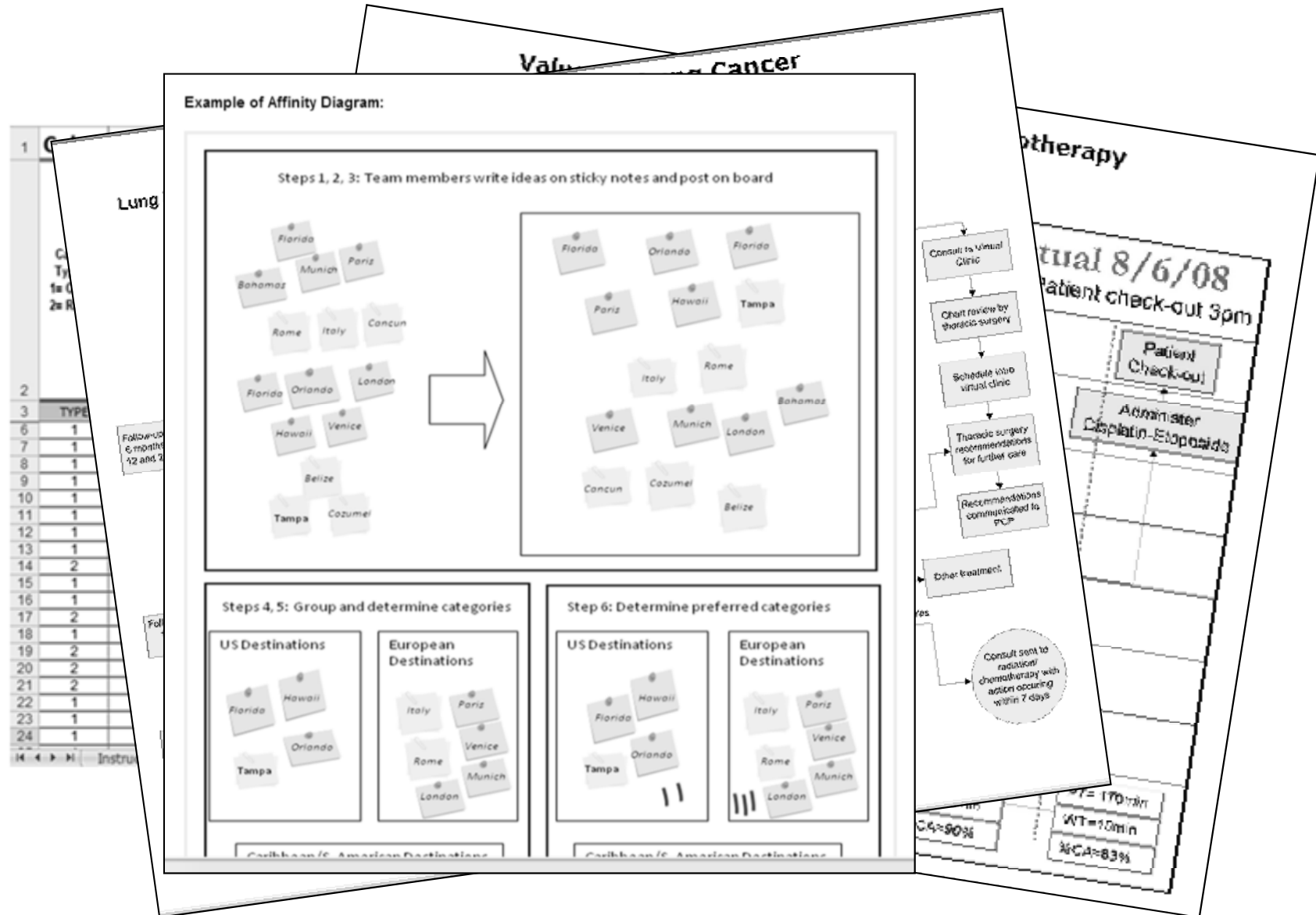
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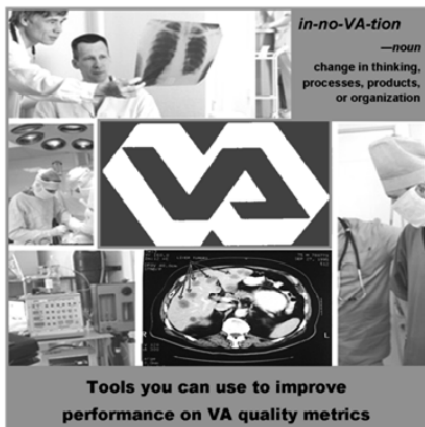


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Each Toolkit has been designed to help you create a feasible quality improvement plan by recommending specific tools and resources already available to better support clinical decision-making and optimize delivery of care. Every Tool has been matched to one or more OQP quality indicators to help you quickly target ways to improve facility performance in specific areas.

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Prostate Cancer Care



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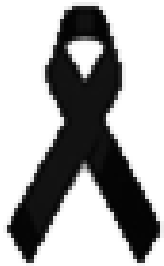
Hepatocellular Cancer Care (HCC)



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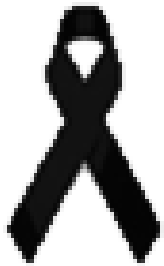
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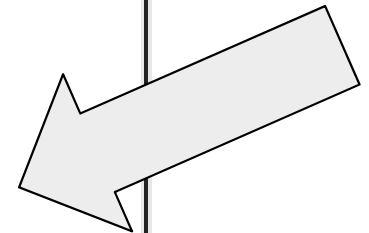
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UNDERSTANDING THE OQP COLORECTAL CANCER QUALITY METRICS

OQP regularly evaluates selected aspects of colorectal cancer care. The most mature indicator tracked is colorectal cancer screening which has been regularly reported for all facilities for years using the standard External Peer Review Program (EPRP) process (PM11c). In addition, OQP monitors the rates at which positive fecal blood tests are properly followed up with colonoscopies [PM(A3)].

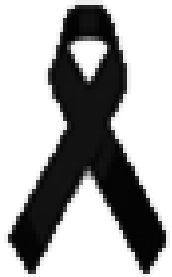
In FY2007, OQP decided to extend some measurement activities beyond screening. OQP conducted a special study to assess the guideline-adherence and timeliness of colorectal cancer care. The study population consisted of a sample of cases diagnosed between October 1, 2003 and March 31, 2006. The purpose of the study was to identify and prioritize improvement opportunities in CRC care and formed the basis for the Colorectal Cancer Treatment and Surveillance DUSHOM Monitor. This monitor requires that each medical center identify at least one step in their process of CRC treatment and/or surveillance to be targeted for a structured performance improvement project. Beginning in 2010, facilities are required to report performance on the CRC monitors as follows:

“At the end of each quarter each medical center will enter into the Systems Redesign web site, results from two measures selected from the list [of monitors]. One of the measures must address clinical colorectal cancer treatment and follow-up, and one must address timeliness. The two selected measures must be reported for all four quarters. Additional measure results may also be reported.”

This toolkit has been designed to help your team create a feasible quality improvement plan by recommending specific tools to improve performance on the OQP metrics. Prior monitoring and CRC care collaboratives (e.g., QUERI Colorectal Cancer Care Collaborative, known as C4), have identified strong practices that may be helpful to all facilities in their efforts to improve CRC care quality. We have distilled these strategies into concrete tools,

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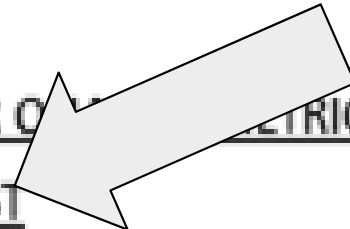
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Particular thanks to the VA Colorectal Cancer Care Collaborative (C4) where many of these tools were developed.

Tool 1 - CPRS link to the 2008 US Preventive Services Task Force clinical recommendation statement

Tool 2 - CPRS clinical reminder for screening

Tool 3 - CPRS reminder for notifying patients of a positive FOBT result

Tool 4 - CPRS referral template for colonoscopy

Tool 5 - CPRS order set to complete diagnostic work-up

Tool 6 - Positive FOBT tracking tool

Tool 7 - CPRS template to assist with documentation of pre-operative CEA

Tool 8 - Cancer care coordinator

Tool 9 - Cancer care coordinator tracker for collecting dashboard data

Tool 10 - Service agreement between Primary Care and Gastroenterology

Tool 11 - Patient reminder to return screening specimen

Tool 12 - Patient letter template for test result notification (FOBT and colonoscopy)

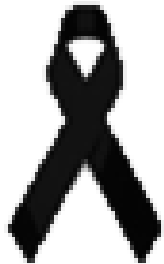
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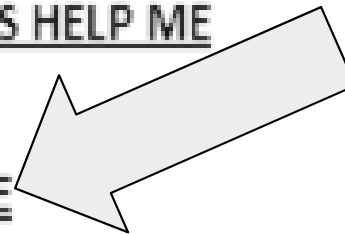
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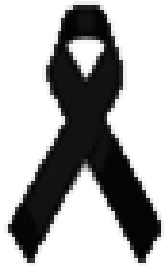
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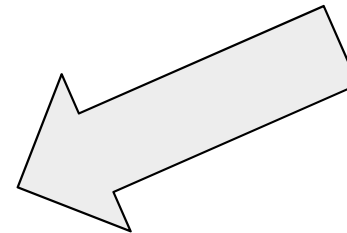
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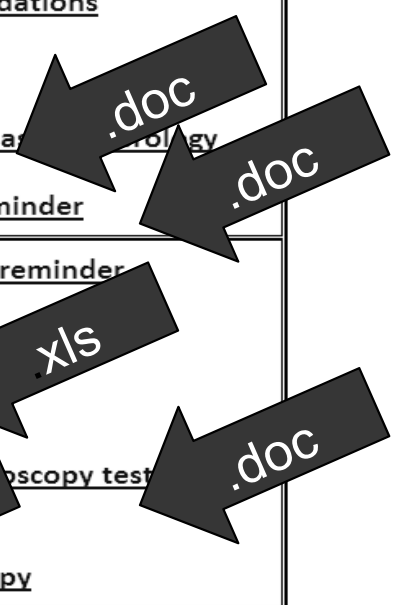
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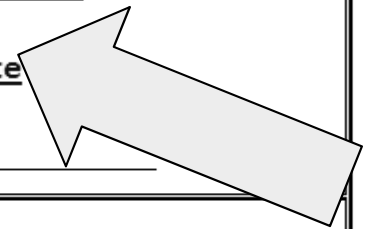


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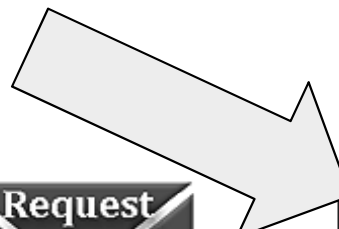
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Urology Hematuria Consult

If ordering INPATIENT or URGENT consults contact the GU Resident on call.
The appropriate evaluation of hematuria (gross/microscopic/intermittent) requires urine culture and upper tract imaging.

For AJA Guidelines please type this in:
<http://www.aafp.org/afp/20010315/71>

At the time of this consultation please:
• Urine C & S (please check & treat and then re-test)
• Serum Creatinine (important in determining the type of Upper Tract imaging will be performed & allergy status and the patient's renal US + KUB may be substituted if patient is on dialysis)

The type of Upper Tract imaging will be determined by function & allergy status and the patient's renal US + KUB may be substituted if patient is on dialysis.

The imaging must be completed prior to the patient's visit. It is imperative that it be ordered and scheduled at ALMVAH please send the films or a copy to the GU Clinic visit.

We will try to schedule the cystoscopy if all previsit studies are completed. Travel expenses for travel and copays.

IMAGING ORDERS:
IVP w/tomograms
CT Abdomen & Pelvis
MRI Abdomen
Renal US & KUB

Order an Imaging Procedure

Imaging Type: GENERAL RADIOLOGY
Imaging Procedure: IVP (PYELOGRAPHY) INTRAVENOUS W/...
Reason for Study (REQUIRED - 64 characters maximum): Hematuria, please evaluate with IVP w/tomogram.
Clinical History (Optional):
Date Desired: ...
Urgency: ASAP
Transport: AMBULATORY
Category: OUTPATIENT
Submit To: 1 FLOOR RADIOLOGY
Exams Over the Last 7 Days: ...
Anticipated Discharge: ...
Pregnant: Yes No Unknown
PreOp Scheduled: ...
Accept Order
Quit

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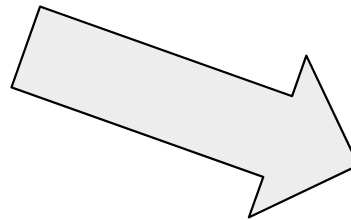


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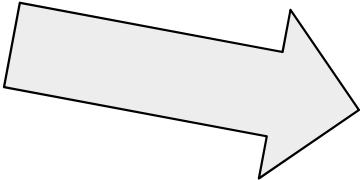
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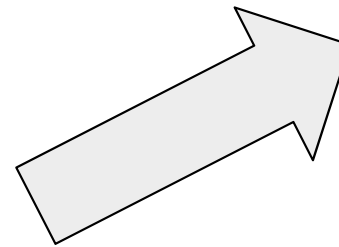
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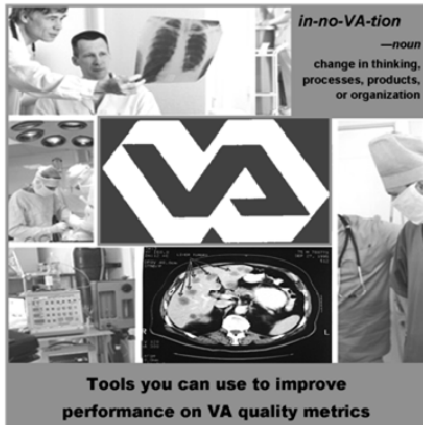
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QI in Action: CRC Tool Case Study

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discussing

Tool 6: Positive FOBT Tracking Tool

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Issues/Challenges

Prior to C4 timely follow-up of +FOBTs was a big problem

- In FY04 ~70% of VA +FOBTs had no documented follow-up in one year*

You can't improve what you don't measure

Tool 6: Positive FOBT Tracking Tool

Solution

Developed measurement tool during C4 Phase I

Evolved to meet needs of C4 teams and later the needs of the +FOBT monitor

+FOBT Tracking Tool – Data Entry

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
FOBT-Positive Patient Identifier <i>REQUIRED</i>	Date of Patient's First Lab Report of Positive CRC Screening FOBT in Fiscal Year (MM/DD/YY) <i>REQUIRED</i>	Was CRC Screening FOBT Indicated? Y, Na - Ng, Ns (Scroll over cell to see codes) If non-screening FOBTs are entered in Column A, Column C should be coded "Ns" and patient will be excluded from all results. Use of other codes is <i>OPTIONAL</i> .	Comments on CRC Screening FOBT Not Indicated Designation <i>OPTIONAL</i>	Is VA Colonoscopy Indicated? (performed or paid for by VA) Y, N1, N2, N3, N4, N5 (Scroll over this cell to see codes) <i>REQUIRED</i>	Comments on Colonoscopy Not Indicated Designation <i>REQUIRED</i> if N5 is entered into the previous column, otherwise <i>OPTIONAL</i>	Date of Initial Provider Response to Positive FOBT (MM/DD/YY) <i>OPTIONAL</i>	Colonoscopy Completion Date (MM/DD/YY) <i>REQUIRED</i> for VA colonoscopy Strongly encouraged for non-VA follow-up	Patient's Desired Colonoscopy Date (MM/DD/YY) <i>OPTIONAL</i>	Days from FOBT+ to Colonoscopy Completion	Days from FOBT + to Initial Provider Action
Patient 1	1/24/10	Y		Y	fee based	1/28/10	2/14/10		21	4
Patient 2	1/30/10	Y		N2			2/25/10		-	
Patient 3	1/22/10	Ne	78yr, -cscope 3yrs ago	N4		1/22/10			-	0
Patient 4	1/30/09	Y		y			4/25/09		86	
Patient 5	2/14/10	Nd	76yr, family hx	N2	private sector				-	
Patient 6	2/15/10	y		y		3/3/10	4/3/10		47	16
Patient 7	2/25/10	Y		y	fee base	2/27/10	5/22/10	5/22/10	86	2
Patient 8	2/4/10	Nc	58yr, anemia	N2	private sector	2/15/10			-	11
Patient 9	2/15/10	Nd	FAMILY HX,	y	fee base		4/12/10		56	
Patient 10	2/16/10	Nc	84yr, anemia	y	pacemaker	3/13/10	4/4/10		47	25
Patient 11	2/2/10	y		y	pat refused colonoscopy				>800	
Patient 12	2/11/10	Nc	87yr, anemia	N3					-	
Patient 13	2/11/10	y		y	fee base	2/12/10	5/3/10	5/3/10	81	1
Patient 14	2/11/10	Ne	60yr, prior colonoscopy	y		2/13/10	2/24/10		13	2
Patient 15	2/23/10	y		y					>779	

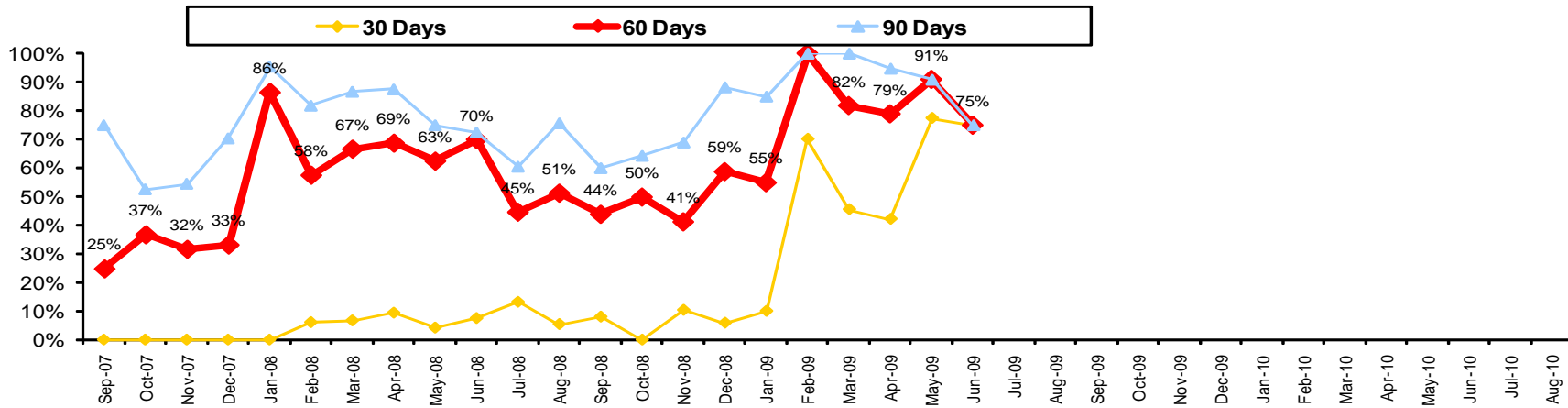
+FOBT Tracking Tool – Table

FOBT Month	Total Positive Screening FOBTs entered	% Positive Screening FOBTs minus cases classified as VA Colonoscopy not "Indicated"		% Positive Screening FOBTs with VA Colonoscopy within 30/60/90 Days, EXCLUDING patients who refuse colonoscopy, choose non-VA follow-up, are clinically "inappropriate" for colonoscopy, have had a previous positive FOBT in measurement year, or have non-screening FOBT						% Positive Screening FOBTs with "Screening Indicated" question answered for whom Screening FOBT was Indicated		% Positive Screening FOBTs with "Initial Provider Response" question answered for whom Initial Provider Response within 14 Days		% +FOBTs (MINUS EXCLUSION CATEGORIES) with Colonoscopy Completed within 60 Days of Lab Report or 14 Days of Patient's Desired Colonoscopy Date	
				≤ 30 Days		≤ 60 Days		≤ 90 Days							
				Calculated from Required data	Calculated from Required data		Calculated from Optional data		Calculated from Optional data		Calculated from Optional data		Calculated from Optional data		
				TBD = To Be Determined TBD numbers will be calculated 30/60/90 days after end of measurement month (based on date of positive FOBT).											
Total:	760	513/760	68%	66/513	13%	298/513	58%	391/513	76%	694/755	92%	677/737	92%	298/513	58%
Sep-07	9	4/9	44%	0/4	0%	1/4	25%	3/4	75%	7/9	78%	4/7	57%	1/4	25%
Oct-07	32	19/32	59%	0/19	0%	7/19	37%	10/19	53%	27/32	84%	26/30	87%	7/19	37%
Nov-07	33	22/33	67%	0/22	0%	7/22	32%	12/22	55%	27/33	82%	29/31	94%	7/22	32%
Dec-07	40	27/40	68%	0/27	0%	9/27	33%	19/27	70%	37/40	93%	36/39	92%	9/27	33%
Jan-08	39	22/39	56%	0/22	0%	19/22	86%	21/22	95%	32/39	82%	36/39	92%	19/22	86%
Feb-08	44	33/44	75%	2/33	6%	19/33	58%	27/33	82%	43/44	98%	42/44	95%	19/33	58%
Mar-08	50	30/50	60%	2/30	7%	20/30	67%	26/30	87%	43/49	88%	49/50	98%	20/30	67%
Apr-08	46	32/46	70%	3/32	9%	22/32	69%	28/32	88%	43/46	93%	46/46	100%	22/32	69%
May-08	37	24/37	65%	1/24	4%	15/24	63%	18/24	75%	33/37	89%	34/34	100%	15/24	63%
Jun-08	61	40/61	66%	3/40	8%	28/40	70%	29/40	73%	51/61	84%	58/59	98%	28/40	70%
Jul-08	55	38/55	69%	5/38	13%	17/38	45%	23/38	61%	54/55	98%	53/55	96%	17/38	45%
Aug-08	47	37/47	79%	2/37	5%	19/37	51%	28/37	76%	42/43	98%	32/46	70%	19/37	51%
Sep-08	33	25/33	76%	2/25	8%	11/25	44%	15/25	60%	32/33	97%	26/31	84%	11/25	44%
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Nov-08	41	29/41	71%	3/29	10%	12/29	41%	20/29	69%	40/41	98%	34/41	83%	12/29	41%
Dec-08	26	17/26	65%	1/17	6%	10/17	59%	15/17	88%	25/26	96%	21/26	81%	10/17	59%
Jan-09	32	20/32	63%	2/20	10%	11/20	55%	17/20	85%	29/32	91%	29/32	91%	11/20	55%
Feb-09	16	10/16	63%	7/10	70%	10/10	100%	10/10	100%	14/16	88%	16/16	100%	10/10	100%
Mar-09	19	11/19	58%	5/11	45%	9/11	82%	11/11	100%	19/19	100%	16/17	94%	9/11	82%

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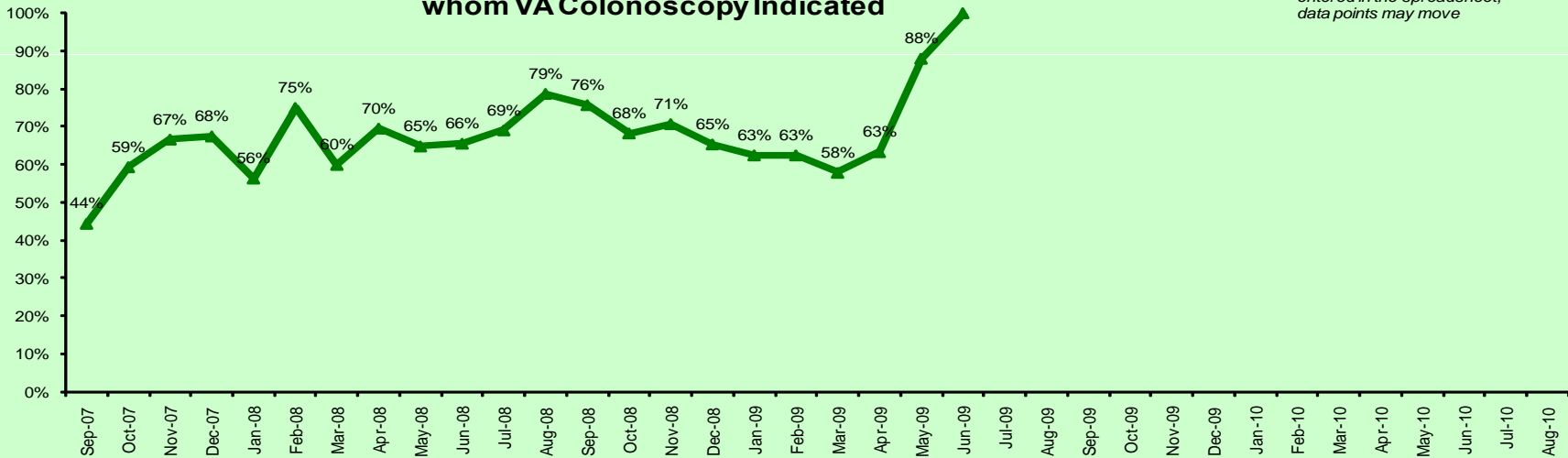
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% Positive Screening FOBTs with "VA Colonoscopy Indicated" question answered for whom VA Colonoscopy Indicated

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Tool 6: Positive FOBT Tracking Tool

Points to Consider

- *Who will complete the tool?*
- *How will you obtain the input data?*
All +FOBTs from lab vs. GI consults
- *How will you review/use the data?*

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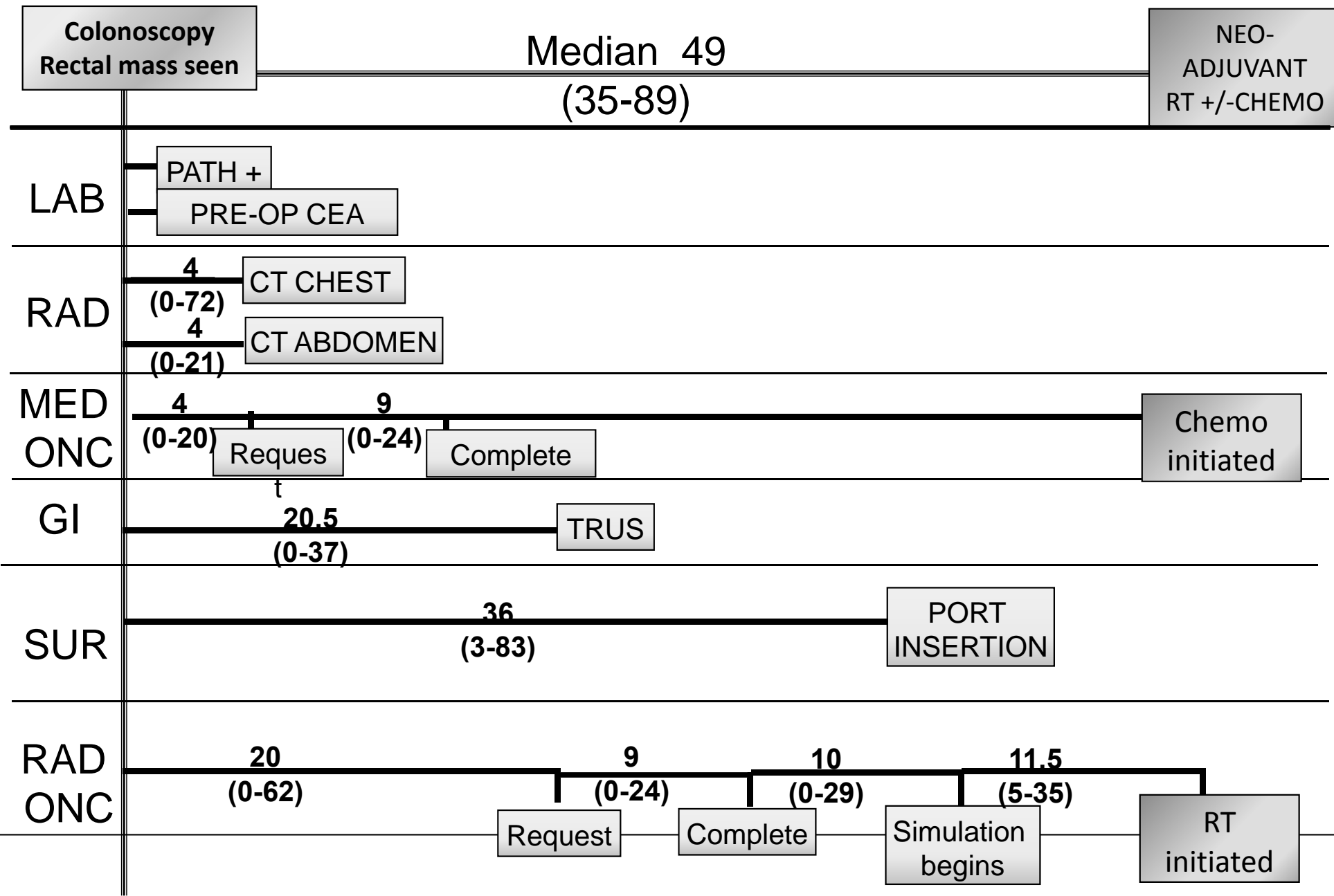
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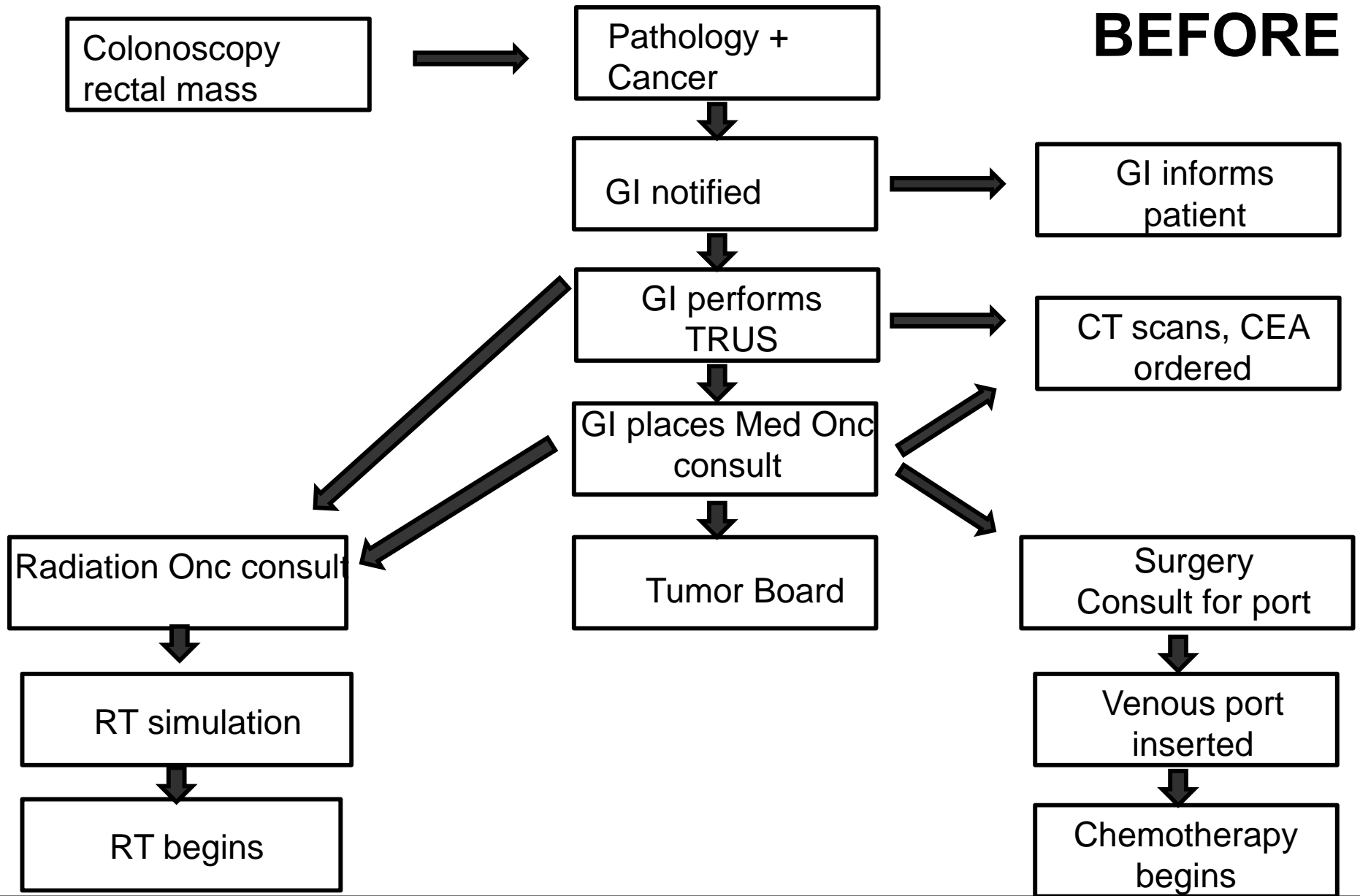
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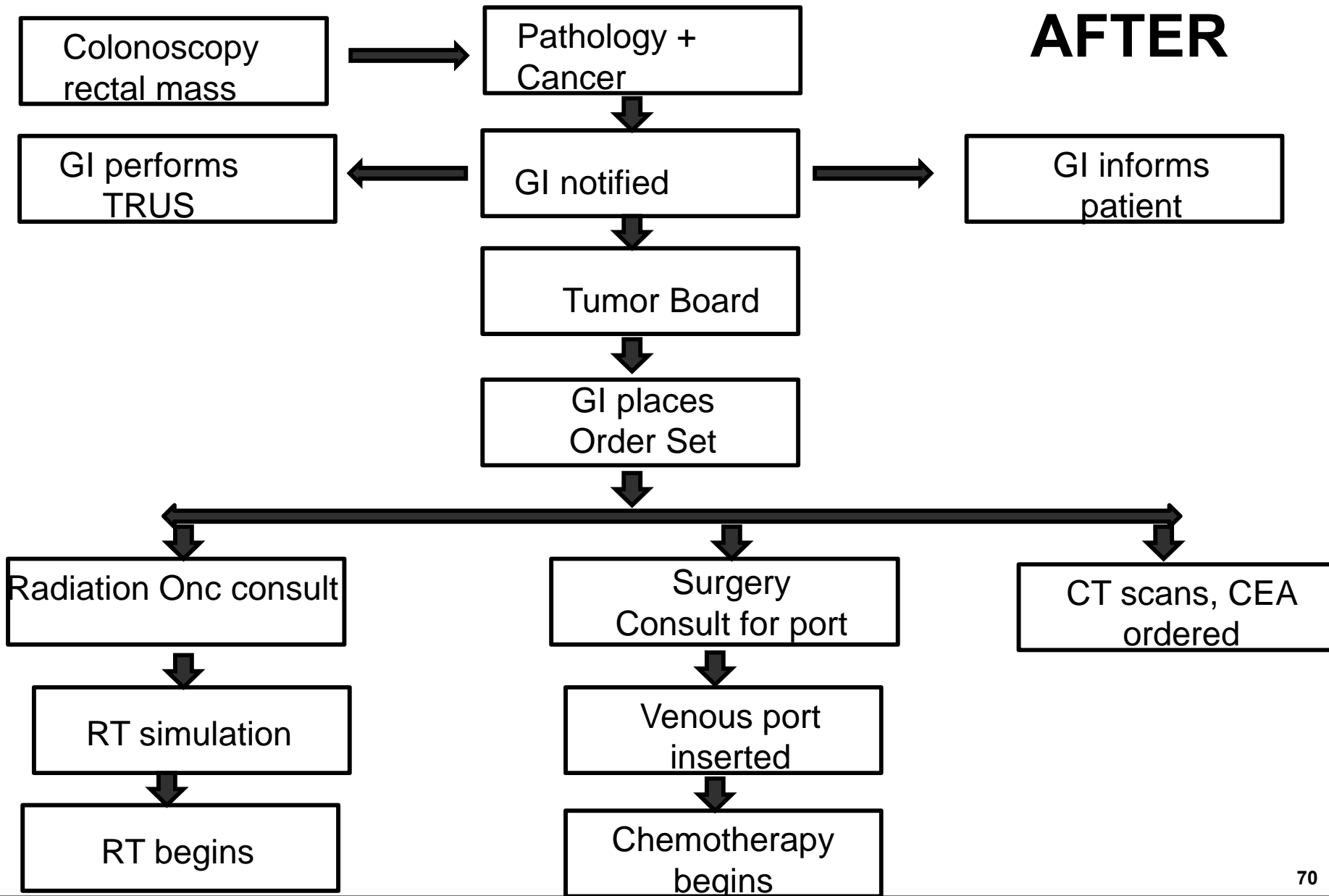
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CPRS Order Sets for Colon and Rectal Cancer

Rectal has these orders

ORDER SET COMPONENTS:

- 10 Q.LRZ COMPREHENSIVE OPT**
- 20 Q.LRZ CBC OPT**
- 30 LRZBK CEA**
- 40 Q.RAZ CT ABD W CONTRAST BK**
- 50 LRZ CREATININE W/EGFR**
- 60 GO-NURS INSERT HEPLOCK**
- 70 Q.CT CHEST W CONTRAST**
- 80 QO-CONS BK-GENERAL SURGERY OUTPT**
- 90 ORZ RADIATION ONCOLOGY**
- 100 QO-CONS BK-ONCOLOGY OUTPT**

Colon has

ORDER SET COMPONENTS:

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INSERT HEPLOC

CHEST CT

BK GENERAL SL

Stop Order Set

ORDER SETS Done

1	PRIMARY CARE ORDER SET	31	INTERVENT RADIOLOGY NURSI	50	OSTEOPOROSIS STUDY
2	CLD Pa				
4	CARDI				
5	CARDI				
6	DIABE				
8	HIV OF				
10	ALOC				
11	METHA				
12	BK-15				
14	FLEX S				
15	COLON				
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22	FLEX S				

Order a Lab Test

Available Lab Tests

COMPREHENSIVE METABOLIC

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CONJUGATED BILIRUBIN

COOMBS

COOMBS DIRECT/INDIRECT

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COOMBS, INDIRECT (NON-TF

COPPER

COMPREHENSIVE METABOLIC PANEL

Collect Sample BLOOD (SST/F)

Specimen SERUM

Urgency ROUTINE

Collection Type Send Patient to Lab

Collection Date/Time TODAY

How Often? ONE TIME

How Long?

COMPREHENSIVE METABOLIC PANEL BLOOD SERUM SP

Accept Order

Quit

COLON CA

BK RECTAL CA

HOME BASED PRIMARY CARE

HBPC ORDER

METHADONE ORAL SOLN

(for Methadone Clinic Use ONLY)

Tool 5: CPRS Order Set for CRC

Reason for Request: CT ABDOMEN W/CONT vhanyns1

Please order a serum creatinine/eGFR w/in 90 days of desired exam date

Requestor's pager extension * [REDACTED]

Service: CHIEF OF STAFF (COS) Title: Clinical Applications Coordinator

Responsible Attending: * [REDACTED]

Patient weight: 150 lb [68.2 kg] (07/18/2003 09:00)
Date of birth: MAR 8, 1949
SERUM CREATININE - NONE FOUND
SERUM UREA NITROGEN - NONE FOUND
EGFR: No data available for EGFR

- If serum creatinine >1.5 mg/dL, please state 'benefit outweighs risk of receiving IV Contrast' in the comment section below.
- If EGFR <1.5 mg/dL, you must contact Radiology.

COMMENT:
[REDACTED]

If Patient is taking Metformin, Metformin must be withheld the day of the exam and for 48 hours after the exam. Metformin may be restarted by clinician after obtaining AND reviewing renal function labs.

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Tool 5: CPRS Order Set for CRC

Template: RADIATION ONCOLOGY (V03 BROU)



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PATIENT NAME: ZZTEST, THREE
PATIENT AGE: 60
PATIENT DATE OF BIRTH: MAR 8, 1949

PATHOLOGY REPORTS:

AVAILABLE: * Yes No

COMMENTS:

RADIOLOGY REPORTS:

AVAILABLE: * Yes No

COMMENTS:

BLOOD TEST REPORTS:

AVAILABLE: * Yes No

COMMENTS:

REASON FOR REQUEST:

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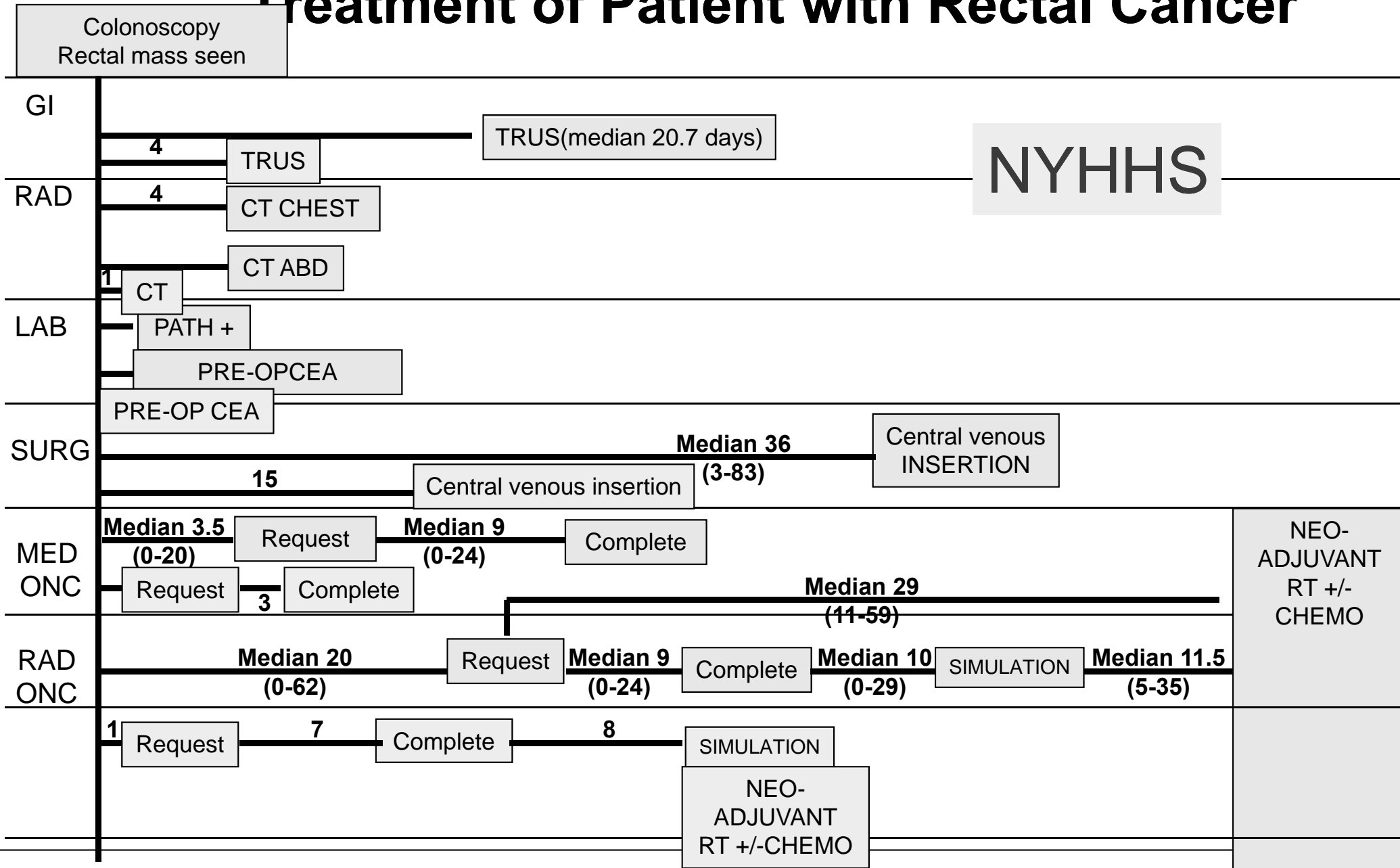
Service	Order	Start / Stop	Provider	Nurse	Clerk	Chart	Status	Location
Lab	COMPREHENSIVE METABOLIC PANEL BLOOD SERUM SP *UNSIGNED*	Start: TODAY	Dunn,J				unreleas	Bk-3rd Fl
	CBC BLOOD SP ONCE *UNSIGNED*	Start: TODAY	Dunn,J				unreleas	Bk-3rd Fl
	CEA BLOOD SERUM SP *UNSIGNED*	Start: N	Dunn,J				unreleas	Bk-3rd Fl
Imaging	CT ABDOMEN W/CONT ASAP *UNSIGNED*	Start: Mar 4,2010	Dunn,J				unreleas	Bk-3rd Fl
Lab	CREATININE(INCLUDES EGFR) BLOOD SERUM SP *UNSIGNED*	Start: TODAY	Dunn,J				unreleas	Bk-3rd Fl
Nursing	>> INSERT HEPLOCK NOW Mar 04, 2010 *UNSIGNED*	Start: NOW Stop: Mar 4,2010	Dunn,J				unreleas	Bk-3rd Fl
Imaging	CT THORAX W/CONT ASAP *UNSIGNED*	Start: Mar 4,2010	Dunn,J				unreleas	Bk-3rd Fl
Consults	BK GENERAL SURGERY OPT Cons Consultant's Choice *UNSIGNED*		Dunn,J				unreleas	Bk-3rd Fl
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- LAB: INPT AM DRAW
- LAB: INPT WARD COL
- LAB: OUTPATIENT DF
- *****
- MEDS:INPATIENT
- MEDS:OUTPATIENT

Metrics-based Process Map: Treatment of Patient with Rectal Cancer



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