Colorectal Cancer Screening Algorithm for Adults Aged 50 Years and Older

Obtain Medical History

Symptomatic patient? OR Limited life expectancy?

No

Assess Risk

Average-risk

Follow Recommended Screening Guidelines for Average-Risk Persons age ≥ 50

Increased Risk

Diagnostic evaluation needed to determine appropriate individualized care

Personal history of CRC or polyps → Follow surveillance guidelines^5, 6

Family history of CRC → Screening should begin earlier than 50 years old with colonoscopy

History of IBD → Specialized care by gastroenterologist, etc

History or suspicion of genetic syndrome (FAP, HNPCC) → Individualized care; genetic counseling

IBD = Inflammatory Bowel Disease
HNPCC = Hereditary Nonpolyposis CRC
FAP = Familial Adenomatous Polyposis