

Cologuard Testing Medical Policy

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VCHCP covers Cologuard Testing in the circumstances outlined below.

Indications:

- Stool DNA (Cologuard) screening test for colorectal cancer is indicated for average risk patients age 45-85 when these tests are recommended by their Primary Care Physicians. Patients older than 85 are NOT good candidates to screen unless they have a 10 year life expectancy.
- It is not useful for advanced adenomas and poor for pre-cancerous lesions.
- If Cologuard is positive, colonoscopy is needed for a more definitive diagnosis.
- Cologuard Kit is sent to Exact Sciences Laboratory.
- The U.S Preventive Services Task Force recommends stool DNA testing (Cologuard) not more frequent than every 3 years.

A. Attachments: None

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