

PATIENT INVITATION LETTER

Date:

Honorific First Last
Address
City, State, Zip

Dear Honorific First Last:

I am writing you to let you know some important information about colon cancer screening. Colon cancer is the nation's second leading cause of cancer-related deaths. With appropriate screening tests, colon cancer can be prevented or detected early, when it can be cured. Colon cancer screening is recommended medical care by many national organizations, including the American Cancer Society.

Our practice is working as part of a study *sponsored by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality* to develop a colon cancer screening program that reaches out to patients. By a review of your medical records, you are eligible to be screened for colon cancer. I would like you to participate in the screening.

Enclosed is a stool test kit. Please complete the kit and return it to my office in the enclosed envelope for developing. Or, if you choose to have a colonoscopy for your screening, please contact our office if you need a recommendation. For your convenience, a list of colonoscopists we refer to frequently is included. You are not obligated to use a colonoscopist on this list.

If you want to speak about colon cancer screening, please schedule an appointment with me or call my office.

As we are reaching out to you as part of a study, your participation is voluntary. By your choosing to be screened, we are accepting your participation as consent to participate in this study. Only the minimal amount of information needed to follow the results of your screening will be gathered, and it will be kept confidential. You may be asked to participate in a focus group at the end of this study to help us understand its impact.

Sincerely,

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