



The **Gastroenterology (GI) Clinic** has established the following standardized criteria for routine colonoscopy screening referrals. Due to the high demand and long wait times for routine colonoscopies, we are implementing **Open Access Colonoscopies**.

- **Open Access Routine Colonoscopy Screening** - Allows direct access to a routine colonoscopy without an office visit for patient without symptoms and without significant medical problems or with medical problems that are well-managed and controlled.
- **Routine Colonoscopy Screening** - Patients that do not meet the criteria for **Open Access** must attend an office visit prior to routine colonoscopy screening.

It is important to note that **Open Access Colonoscopies** are meant for fairly healthy patients. Some examples of conditions that require a pre-procedure visit and should be referred to the clinic are patients with the following:

**Check all that apply**

- Cardiac disease – myocardial infarction, stent placement, congestive heart failure, arrhythmia, coronary bypass surgery, valvular disease, pacemaker and/or defibrillator
- Pulmonary disease – asthma, COPD, obstructive sleep apnea
- Chronic liver disease
- Kidney disease
- Poorly controlled Diabetes or Hypertension
- Anemia or bleeding disorder
- Neurologic disease – stroke, seizures
- Obesity BMI  $\geq 40$  or  $\geq 35$  with comorbidities
- Recent surgery or hospitalization (within 3 months)
- Problems with anesthesia/sedation in the past
- Anti-coagulation therapy
- ETOH abuse or Polysubstance Abuse

**If any box above is checked patient MUST be seen in the clinic prior to colonoscopy**  
(Check Routine Colonoscopy Screening below)

None of the above (Check Open Access Routine Colonoscopy Screening)

To avoid delay in appointment scheduling, please ensure that all supporting information, including the H & P are included with the Outpatient Referral Form **prior** to requesting the referral. Please mark the appropriate box to indicated type of routine colonoscopy screening request.

To streamline our process, when getting authorization for Open Access please include the colonoscopy for authorization (**CPT codes: 99244, 99214, 45378**)

- Open Access Routine Colonoscopy Screening**
- Routine Colonoscopy Screening (Provide H & P)**