

National Coverage Determination
Procedure Code: 81528
Multitarget Stool DNA (sDNA) Colorectal Cancer Screening Test - Cologuard
CMS Policy Number: 210.3
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Frequency Limitations: Effective for dates of service on or after October 9, 2014, colorectal cancer screening using the Cologuard™ multitarget sDNA test (G0464) is covered once every 3 years for Medicare beneficiaries that meet all of the following criteria:

- Ages 50 to 85 years,
- Asymptomatic (no signs or symptoms of colorectal disease including but not limited to lower gastrointestinal pain, blood in stool, positive guaiac fecal occult blood test or fecal immunochemical test), and,
- At average risk of developing colorectal cancer (no personal history of adenomatous polyps, colorectal cancer, or inflammatory bowel disease, including Crohn's Disease and ulcerative colitis; no family history of colorectal cancers or adenomatous polyps, familial adenomatous polyposis, or hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer).

Effective for claims with dates of service on or after October 9, 2014, providers shall report the following diagnosis codes when submitting claims for the Cologuard™ multitarget sDNA test:

ICD-9: V76.41 and V76.51, or,

ICD-10: Z12.11 and Z12.12

**National Coverage Determination
Procedure Code: 82270
Fecal Occult Blood Test
CMS Policy Number: 210.3**

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Frequency Limitations: Screening fecal occult blood tests are covered at a frequency of once every 12 months for beneficiaries who have attained age 50. A written order from the beneficiary's attending physician is required. Attending physician means a doctor or medicine or osteopathy who is fully knowledgeable about the beneficiary's medical condition, and who would be responsible for using the test results in the overall management of the beneficiary's specific medical problem.