# SNAPP SURVEY SHOWS OPPORTUNITY FOR NURSE PRACTITIONERS (NPs) TO HELP ADDRESS COLORECTAL CANCER (CRC) SCREENING COMPLIANCE

### COLORECTAL CANCER: THE MOST PREVENTABLE BUT LEAST PREVENTED CANCER<sup>1</sup>

REGULAR SCREENING IS IMPORTANT<sup>2</sup>



But the reality is that 1 in 3, or 35 million Americans, are not current with their screening4

With low screening rates, CRC remains the second leading cause of cancer death in both women and men combined<sup>5</sup>



OF CRCs ARE TREATABLE WHEN CAUGHT EARLY<sup>3</sup>

## SNAPP SURVEY UNDERSCORES THAT NPs MAY BE KEY TO ENCOURAGING ELIGIBLE **AMERICANS TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH RECOMMENDED CRC SCREENING**

CRC screening is a personal and professional priority for NPs...

**PERSONAL PRIORITY** 

of NPs age 50 and over (n=209) said they had already been screened

of NPs younger than 50 surveyed (n=136) said that CRC screening would be a personal priority when they turn 50



**PROFESSIONAL FOCUS** 

About four out of five (79%, n=174) of NPs said they routinely discuss CRC screening with their eligible patients

About two thirds of NPs (64%, n=149) said they often or always talk to eligible patients about both invasive and noninvasive CRC screening options.

...and there is an opportunity for those surveyed to embrace the latest recommended noninvasive screening options

98% are familiar with colonoscopy (n=173)

92% are familiar with fecal blood tests (n=173)

50% are familiar with the multitarget stool DNA test (n=174)

PERCENT OF NPS WHO HAVE RECOMMENDED AND/OR PRESCRIBED

Colonoscopy: 99% (n=174)

**Fecal blood test:** 78% (n=174)

**Multitarget stool DNA test:** 45% (n=174)

5-point scale where

5 was very familiar

Each of these screening options is included in the US Preventive Services Task Force CRC Screening Recommendations.



## NPs SAY THE MOST COMMON REASON PATIENTS GIVE FOR NOT GETTING SCREENED IS THAT TEST PREPARATION IS TOO DISRUPTIVE





of NPs say patients are often or always more likely to undergo CRC screening when they find out there is a noninvasive screening test they can use at home



GIVEN LOW CRC SCREENING RATES, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT NPS GAIN ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON ALL RECOMMENDED CRC SCREENING OPTIONS TO PROMOTE SHARED DECISION-MAKING WITH THEIR PATIENTS, WHICH MAY RESULT IN HIGHER COMPLIANCE

#### THE CRC SNAPP SURVEY

From December 2017 to March 2018, 358 clinically practicing nurse practitioners completed an online survey designed to explore colorectal cancer screening awareness and practice patterns. The survey was conducted by HealthyWomen in collaboration with the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, with funding from Exact Sciences.

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