

# Are You a Colorectal Cancer Patient/Survivor or Family Member?

Cancer Care Nova Scotia (CCNS) is creating clinical standards for the diagnosis and referral of colorectal cancer, and we want to hear from **you**.

A clinical standard provides doctors and all healthcare professionals with information about what tests and treatments need to be done for a certain cancer, where they need to take place, and in what time frame they need to occur to ensure patients receive high quality care.

Colorectal Cancer Diagnosis and Referral Standards are designed to support and guide healthcare providers and patients through the diagnostic period of colorectal cancer. The diagnostic period is the period of time from when symptoms first appear and/or initial screening is done until the time that a person is diagnosed with colorectal cancer.

A first draft of the colorectal cancer diagnosis and referral standards is complete, and we want to hear from colorectal cancer patients/survivors and family members to ensure the draft standards include the patient's perspective.

## If you would like to help:

There are two ways you can help us:

### 1. Online Survey:

Review the draft standards and complete a confidential online survey. With a computer and access to the internet, you can do this from home. *The survey is available from **September 15 until October 13.***

### 2. Focus Groups:

Review the draft standards and participate in a focus group. Spaces are limited.

**Registration deadline is Friday, October 3.** Focus groups will be held in:

- **Halifax, Wednesday October 8 9:30-11:30**
- **Truro, Wednesday October 8 2:00 – 4:00**
- **Sydney, Thursday, October 9 10:00-12:00**

If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, and would like to participate, please call and we will arrange for your input to be included.

For more information, please visit [www.cancercare.ns.ca/CRCstandards](http://www.cancercare.ns.ca/CRCstandards)

or call **Jill Petrella at 902-473-2936**

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