

## Screening Fecal Occult Blood Tests - Medicare

A fecal-occult blood test (guaiac-based or immunoassay-based) is covered for Medicare beneficiaries age 50 and over once each year if at least **11 months** have passed following the month in which the last Medicare covered screening fecal occult blood test was performed. Medicare will allow either one covered guaiac-based or one covered immunoassay-based fecal-occult blood test, but not both, during a 12-month period.

The following HCPCS codes are used to report screening fecal occult blood tests.

<b>G00394</b>	COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING; fecal occult blood test, 1-3 simultaneous determinations (Guaiac-based fecal-occult blood tests)
<b>G0328</b>	COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING; fecal occult blood test, immunoassay, 1-3 simultaneous determinations (Immunoassay-based fecal-occult blood tests)

Effective July 1, 2004, screening fecal occult blood tests (G0107 and G0328) are also covered for Medicare beneficiaries residing at skilled nursing facilities.