



## **Shared Goal: Reaching 80% Screened for Colorectal Cancer by 2018**

### ***Background***

Colorectal cancer is a major public health problem. It is the second leading cause of cancer death, and a cause of considerable suffering among more than 140,000 adults diagnosed with colorectal cancer each year. However, colorectal cancer can be detected early at a curable stage, and it can be prevented through the detection and removal of precancerous polyps.

### ***Commitment***

Our organizations stand united in the belief that we can eliminate colorectal cancer as a major public health problem. We have screening technologies that work, the national capacity to apply these technologies, and effective local models for delivering the continuum of care in a more organized fashion. Equal access to care is everyone's responsibility. We share a commitment to eliminating disparities in access to care. As such, our organizations will work to empower communities, patients, providers, community health centers and health systems to embrace these models and develop the partnerships needed to deliver coordinated, quality colorectal cancer screening and follow up care that engages the patient and empowers them to complete needed care from screening through treatment and long-term follow-up.

### ***Pledge***

[ \_\_\_\_\_ ] is embracing the shared goal of reaching 80% screened for colorectal cancer by 2018.

**Approved by** \_\_\_\_\_



By signing the pledge, you will join dozens of groups, including the American Cancer Society and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, who have committed to working together to increase the nation’s colon cancer screening rates and embrace the goal of reaching 80% screened for colorectal cancer by 2018. Over a three hundred organizations, including medical professional societies, non-profits, health plans, government, health departments, survivors, cancer coalitions and medical practices, have embraced the goal. The number is growing every day.

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Your organization will be listed among these partners on the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable (NCCRT) as committed to this work. You will receive a welcome email from the NCCRT group with information on how to access resources and tools for your organization to support this work. <http://nccrt.org/>

<b>Organization:</b>	
<b>Contact Name:</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Activities your organization plans to do to help reach 80% by 2018</b>	

Achieving an 80 percent screening rate by 2018 will require the collaboration of many leaders; it cannot be achieved working in isolation. Health care providers, health systems, communities, businesses, community health centers, government, and every day Americans all have a role to play.

**Please email completed pledge to: [Shannon.bacon@cancer.org](mailto:Shannon.bacon@cancer.org)**