



COLON CANCER PATIENT CHECKLIST



SCREENING

What screenings are recommended for CRC?
How often should I get screened?
What are my personal risk factors?
Which specific tests should I prioritize?
How effective are the screenings?
What is a colonoscopy & how do I prepare?
Is there any downtime after a screening?



INSURANCE

Does my insurance cover screenings?
What is my out-of-pocket cost for treatment?
Is this procedure covered or not covered?
Can I refer to a specialist and counseling counselor?
How can I appeal a denied claim?
Are there programs for uninsured patients?
What documents do I need for claim approval?
Can you clarify any coverage terms or jargon?



TREATMENT

What treatment options are available for my stage illness?
How do treatments compare in effectiveness?
What are the potential side effects?
How long will treatment last and how often?
Are there treatment options available?
What dietary changes should I make?
Will you monitor my progress?
What are the chances of recurrence?
What support resources are available to me?



SURGERY & RECOVERY

Will surgery be part of my treatment plan?
What type of surgery do you recommend?
What are the risks and benefits of surgery?
How long will surgery take place?
What follow-up care will I need after surgery?
What can I expect during recovery?
When can I resume normal activities?
Are there support groups you recommend?
Contact: thecancercompass.org

