

# Cancer Screening Guide

These are general guidelines for adults.

**Talk with your medical provider about what screening tests you need based on your specific family and health history.**

Guidelines are based on current **U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)\*** recommendations.

	Cancer Type	Age				
		21–29 years	30–39 years	40–49 years	50–65 years	66+ years
Women	Breast			Ask your medical provider about your risk.	Mammogram every 2 years (until age 74)	
	Cervical	Pap test every 3 years	Pap test every 3 years <b>or</b> Pap test with HPV test every 5 years			
Men & Women	Colorectal				Colonoscopy every 10 years <b>or</b> Stool test every 1 to 3 years <b>or</b> Sigmoidoscopy every 5 years (or 10 years with annual stool test) <b>or</b> CT Colonography every 5 years (until age 75)	
	Lung				Annual imaging screening for current or former smokers** (ages 55–80)	
	Skin	Routine screening (whole body skin examination) is not recommended for all adults. Ask your medical provider about your risk.				
Men	Prostate	Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) screening is not recommended. Ask your medical provider about your risk.				

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\* This is a summary of the current U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommendations for preventive cancer screenings. The USPSTF is an independent group of national experts in prevention and evidence-based medicine. The recommendations apply to people with **no signs or symptoms** of these diseases.

More information can be found at: [www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org](http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org)

**Other national organizations may have other recommendations for screening. Talk with your medical provider about what screening tests you need based on your specific family and health history.**

\*\* Current heavy smokers or those who have quit within the past 15 years are eligible.

History of heavy smoking = 2 packs of cigarettes a day for 15 years, or 1 pack of cigarettes a day for 30 years, or ½ pack of cigarettes a day for 60 years.

For more information, contact the Vermont Department of Health Comprehensive Cancer Control Program:

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