AGA INSTITUTE GUIDELINES FOR
Colonoscopy Surveillance After Cancer Resection
CLINICAL DECISION SUPPORT TOOL

Curative Resection of Colorectal Cancer

Pre-operative obstruction preventing complete colonoscopy
Pre-operative CT Colonography or Double Contrast Barium Enema

For rectal cancer only

Complete pre-operative colonoscopy

Colonoscopy 1 Year Post-resection

Colonoscopy 3–6 Months Post-resection

Colonoscopy 1 Year Later

Colonoscopy 3 Years Later, Then Every 5 Years*

Colonoscopy 1 Year

* Shorter intervals could be appropriate based on associated polyp findings or based on known or suspected Lynch syndrome.

** The rationale for these procedures is reduced when locally advanced rectal cancer is treated by neoadjuvant chemoradiation and total mesorectal excision.