Standard 4.1 Prevention

Since Jan. 1, 2018, Geisinger Community Medical Center, in partnership with the Northeast Regional Cancer Center, provided 10 programs in a variety of community settings. The programs focused on colon cancer risk factors, ways to reduce risk and the importance of speaking with a healthcare provider about colon cancer risk reduction and screening. More than 200 attendees participated in these outreach programs. Additionally, 250+ people received one-on-one education and printed information on colon cancer screening and resources to help with screening via the Community-Based Patient Navigation Screening Program.

Standard 4.2 Screening

Through the Community-Based Cancer Screening Navigation Program, 172 colon cancer screenings have been completed during 2018 (various modalities):

- Eight additional tests were required, seven of which indicated benign adenomas. There was one diagnosis of cancer requiring surgical resection, with additional consultation under way to determine further treatment recommendations.

The navigation program provides:

- Individualized, personal assistance by trained navigators
- Assistance identifying and resolving barriers to screening
- Facilitation of timely access to follow up needs
- Connection to community and medical resources
- Coordination of care among treatment providers