

## **News Brief: USPSTF Recommends CT Colonography for Screening**

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Good news!

Last week, the United States Preventative Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommended an “A” grade for colorectal screening for patients between the ages of 50 and 75. For the first time, CT colonography was included on the list of recommended screening tests. This is good news for our patients and for our specialty.

This significant milestone for CT colonography has taken tremendous effort over many years and across multiple societies including the SCBT-MR. Based on this recommendation, the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) will now make a decision about national coverage, but the backing of the USPSTF is key for obtaining Medicare reimbursement.

Recall CT Colonography screening has been covered by many private payors for years and the RVUs for this procedure are commensurate with other CT procedures. However, many radiologists and radiology practices hesitate to fully endorse CT Colonography within their own practices. We can make an impact with advocacy and training.

We are pleased and proud that the SCBT-MR has been a venue where important advances in CT Colonography have been discussed, presented, and endorsed. Many members and fellows of our Society have been founders and drivers of this technology and have taken leadership roles in its implementation. Congratulations!