

GLOSSARY

As the nation's leading colorectal cancer advocacy nonprofit, we often use precise technical terminology that may be unfamiliar to new advocates. Listed here are some of the major terms our programs use to help you understand and use our resources.

We know this list is not exhaustive and we would love to know what you think should be added for future uses. Send us a message at Advocacy@FightCRC.org or let us know online [@FightCRC!](https://www.instagram.com/FightCRC/)

APPROPRIATIONS

Annual decisions made by Congress about how the federal government spends money

ARMS COMMITTEE

Ambassador Role Models (ARMS) help mentor new Ambassadors as they join Fight CRC

BIOMARKERS

a biological molecule found in blood, other body fluids, or tissues. Biomarkers appear in tumors, too. Testing your tumor for biomarkers (AKA knowing your tumor type) can help you understand if there are abnormal functions of your body's organs and systems. Biomarkers can come in the form of genetic mutations (genes), proteins, and DNA abnormalities.

CBO SCORE

the estimated cost or savings to the federal government associated with passing a particular piece of legislation

CDC

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CLINICAL TRIAL

Research study that tests safety and effectiveness of new medical approaches and treatments

CMS

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

CRCCP

Colorectal Cancer Control Program

ConC

Call-on Congress

CRC

Colorectal Cancer

DOD PRCRP

Department of Defense Peer-Reviewed Cancer Research Program

EAO CRC

Early-Age Onset Colorectal Cancer

FDA

Food and Drug Administration

FIT TEST

the fecal immunochemical test (FIT) is a screening test for colorectal cancer that tests for blood in the stool (originating from the lower intestines), an early sign of cancer

gFOBT

The gFOBT test is an in-home test used to detect blood that can't be seen by the naked eye occurring in or on your bowel movements

FY

Fiscal Year

GAC

Grassroots Action Committee; a volunteer committee dedicated to leading grassroots advocacy efforts

GENOMICS

the branch of molecular biology concerned with the structure, function, evolution, and mapping of genomes

HHS

Health and Human Services

H.R.1570

House version of the Medicare Loophole bill

IRB

Institutional Review Board

LYNCH SYNDROME

an inherited disorder in which affected individuals have a higher-than-normal chance of developing colorectal cancer and certain other types of cancer, often before the age of 50 (also called hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer)

MEDICAID

Medicaid provides health coverage to millions of Americans, including eligible low-income adults, children, pregnant women, elderly adults and people with disabilities. Medicaid is administered by states, according to federal requirements, and therefore each state can provide different services to different subsets of people. The program is funded jointly by states and the federal government

MEDICARE

Medicare is the federal health insurance program for:

- People who are 65 or older, certain younger people with disabilities
- People with End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a transplant, sometimes called ESRD)

NED

No Evidence of Disease

NIH

National Institutes of Health

NCCRT

National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable

NCI

National Cancer Institute

POTUS

President of the United States

RATS

Research Advocacy Training and Support Program; Fight Colorectal Cancer's research advocacy program

REPORT LANGUAGE

Language included in federal appropriations bills that expresses the priorities of Members of Congress for how money is spent

RESOURCE CHAMPION

Dedicated volunteers who help Fight Colorectal Cancer (Fight CRC) deliver critical awareness and patient education resources into their local communities

S.668

Senate version of the Medicare Loophole bill

USPSTF

United States Preventive Services Task Force