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## **The COVID-19 Pandemic: Identifying Adaptive Solutions for Colorectal Cancer Screening in Underserved Communities**

*Joint Research Effort Focused on Understanding Intervention Strategies*

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Health Quality Partners, a non-profit organization within the Health Center Partners Family of Companies, is pleased to partner with the University of California San Diego Moores Cancer Center and several member health centers on the San Diego Accelerating Colorectal Cancer Screening and Follow-up through Implementation Science (ACCSIS) study entitled CRC-Hub-Spoke: A ColoRectal Cancer Screening Hub for Southern California Community Health Centers funded by the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Moonshot<sup>SM</sup> Initiative. [For more on this initiative, click here.](#)

Through this research partnership, Health Quality Partners co-authored a commentary published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute in August 2020 that describes the challenges and opportunities to deliver COVID-adapted Colorectal Cancer screening to medically underserved populations receiving care in community health centers. This perspective is based on key informant interviews conducted with community health center medical directors participating in the San Diego ACCSIS study, as well as those participating in the Federally Qualified Health Centers Assessing Colorectal Cancer Screening (FACTS) study funded by the American Cancer Society, teleconference discussions, and strategic planning assessments.

This is one of several outstanding academic-community partnership projects Health Quality Partners leaders and team members are working on with the University of California San Diego. [To read the published manuscript in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, click here.](#)



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