

SUBOPTIMAL USE OF CANCER SCREENING TESTS

Not all individuals for whom cancer screening is recommended are up to date with the screening recommendations (see sidebar on **Consensus Cancer Screening Recommendations for Average-risk Individuals** and **Consensus Cancer Screening Recommendations for High-risk Individuals**, p. 45 and p. 47). For example, a substantial percentage of individuals for whom the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommended breast, cervical, colorectal, and lung cancer screening were not up to date with screening in 2015, which is the last year for which these data are currently available (150)(151):

28.5%

of women ages 50–74 were not up to date with breast cancer screening.

17%

of women ages 21–65 were not up to date with cervical cancer screening.

38%

of adults ages 50–75 were not up to date with colorectal cancer screening.

96%

of adults ages 55–80 who have smoked at least one pack of cigarettes per day for 30 years, or the equivalent (two packs per day for 15 years, etc.), and who currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years were not up to date with lung cancer screening.