

**Table 1 Comparison of Natural History Model Structures**

Property	SimCRC	CRC-SPIN	MISCAN
<b>Adenoma risk</b>			
Mechanism	Logistic function	Poisson process	Poisson process
Risk varies:			
Randomly across individuals	Yes	Yes	Yes
Systematically with age and sex	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Adenoma growth</b>			
Mechanism	Time in each size category	Growth curve	Time in each size category
Size modeled as continuous	No	Yes	No
Risk varies:			
Randomly across individuals	Yes	Yes	Yes
Systematically with location	Yes <sup>*</sup>	Yes <sup>*</sup>	No
Transition times correlated across size categories	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Transition to preclinical CRC</b>			
Mechanism	Logistic function	Adenoma size at transition	Overall transition probability
Risk varies:			
Randomly across adenomas by size within individuals	Yes	Yes	No <sup>†</sup>
Systematically with:			
Sex	Yes	Yes	No
Age	Yes	Yes <sup>‡</sup>	Yes <sup>‡</sup>
Adenoma size	No	Yes	Yes
Location	Yes <sup>*</sup>	Yes <sup>*</sup>	No
Transition times correlated across preclinical stages	No	Not applicable	Yes
<b>Transition to clinical CRC</b>			
Mechanism	Time to transition	Time to transition	Time to transition
Transition times:			
Vary randomly across CRCs within individuals	Yes	Yes	Yes
Vary systematically with:			
Sex	No	No	Yes

Property	SimCRC	CRC-SPIN	MISCAN
Location	Yes <sup>§</sup>	Yes <sup>§</sup>	Yes <sup>§</sup>
Correlated with duration of preclinical CRC	No	No	Yes

\* Varies by proximal colon, distal colon, and rectum for SimCRC and by colon and rectum for CRC-SPIN.

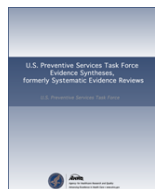
† The probability of transition is 0 for all non-progressive adenomas and for adenomas <6 mm, 0.3 for progressive adenomas 6 to <10 mm, and 1 for progressive adenomas ≥10 mm.

‡ The probability that an adenoma is progressive depends on age at adenoma initiation.

l Depends on age at adenoma initiation.

§ Varies by proximal colon, distal colon, and rectum for SimCRC and MISCAN and by colon and rectum for CRC-SPIN.

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