



Participant's Screening Pathway

National Bowel Cancer Screening Program Register identifies target population turning 55 or 65 years of age (from Medicare/DVA data) plus those involved in the Pilot Program.

- Dependent on Program continuation.
- "Where the Register is notified of the date of colonoscopy appointment, the relevant reminder letters will not be issued until after that date and then only if there is no record on the Register confirming that the person attended for the appointment.

If the GP assesses patient as high risk, manage according to the NHMRC guidelines.

No response

- Register sends a reminder in 8 weeks.
- Reinvite in 2 years."

Register invites target population to screening, sends invitation materials including FOBT kit. Participant advised to see GP if they have or develop symptoms or have a significant family history.

Opt off

- Permanently.
- For a period of time.

Participant completes FOBT, sends directly to pathology laboratory.

Pathology laboratory sends results of FOBT to:

- Participant
- GP (if nominated)
- Register.

If inadequate sample or indeterminate result, Register invites to

repeat the test.

Negative FOBT result. Reinvite in 2 years."

Positive FOBT result – participant advised to see GP preferably within 2 weeks.

GP recommends

no further follow up. Reinvite in 2 years* or as advised by GP.

Participant visits GP.

- GP: Identifies symptoms
 - Takes family history
 - Decides clinical management
 - Notifies Register.

Colonoscopy or other tests performed.

Positive colonoscopy (adenoma or cancer).

- Colonoscopist Notifies Register
- Follow up by GP/specialist as per NHMRC guidelines.
- If not notified to opt patient off, Register will reinvite in 5 years.*

Negative colonoscopy.

- Colonoscopist notifies Register
- Register will reinvite in 5 years."

Register

- If no GP visit in 8 weeks letter or phone call to participant and GP (if nominated).
- No activity at 6 months – phone call and/or registered letter to participant and GP (if nominated).
- If GP visit but no colonoscopy recorded at 4 months** from date of FOBT result – follow up letter or phone call to participant and GP.
- If GP visit but no colonoscopy recorded at 6 months** from date of FOBT result – phone call and/or registered letter to participant and GP.

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