

PARTICIPANT'S SCREENING PATHWAY

National Bowel Cancer Screening Program Register identifies target population turning 50-74 years old* (from Medicare/DVA data).

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

Register invites target population to screen, sends pre-invitation letter followed by invitation pack including iFOBT kit.
Participant advised to see GP if they have or develop symptoms, have a significant family history, or have other health problems that might make screening inappropriate.

Opt off

- Permanently.
- Suspend
- For a period of time.

No response

- Register sends a reminder in 8 weeks.
- Program will invite to screen at next age eligible birthday.

Participant completes iFOBT, sends directly to pathology laboratory.

If inadequate sample or indeterminate result, Register invites to repeat the test.

Pathology laboratory sends results of iFOBT to:

- Participant
- GP (if nominated)
- Register

Negative iFOBT result

- Program will invite to screen at next age eligible birthday.

Register Follow-up	Participant Follow-up officer
If no GP visit in 2 months - letter to participant and GP (if nominated)	If no activity in 3 months - phone call to participant and/or GP (if nominated).
No activity at 6 months - letter to participant and GP (if nominated).	If no activity in 7 months - phone call to participant and/or GP (if nominated).
If GP visit but no colonoscopy recorded at 4 months from date of iFOBT result - letter to participant and GP.	If no activity in 5 months - phone call to participant or GP (if nominated).
If GP visit but no colonoscopy recorded at 6 months from date of iFOBT result - letter to participant and GP.	If no activity in 7 months - phone call to participant or GP (if nominated).

GP recommends no further follow up

- 2017 NHMRC-endorsed guidelines recommend screening with iFOBT every 2 years from age 50 to 74 or as advised by GP.

Positive iFOBT result - participant advised to see GP preferably within 2 weeks.

Participant visits GP.

GP:

- Identifies symptoms
- Takes family history
- Decides clinical management
- Notifies Register
- Refers participant for diagnostic assessment (e.g. colonoscopy)

Colonoscopy or other tests performed.

Positive colonoscopy (adenoma or cancer)

- Colonoscopist notifies Register.
- Follow up by GP/specialist as per clinical guidelines.

Negative colonoscopy

- Colonoscopist notifies Register.
- Program will invite to screen with iFOBT at next age eligible birthday.

*Target population age groups from 2018

2018: 50, 54, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74

2019: 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74