PARTICIPANT’S SCREENING PATHWAY

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

Register invites target population to screen, sends pre-invitation letter followed by invitation pack including FOBT 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.

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

Opt off
- Permanently.
- For a period of time.

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

Pathology laboratory sends results of FOBT to:
- Participant
- GP (if nominated)
- Register

If no response
- Register sends a reminder in 8 weeks.
- Program will invite to screen at next age eligible birthday.

Participant completes FOBT, sends directly to pathology laboratory.

Register Follow-up
- If no GP visit in 2 months - letter to participant and GP (if nominated).
- No activity at 6 months - letter to participant and GP (if nominated).
- No activity at 10 months - registered letter to participant and GP (if nominated).

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

If no GP visit but no colonoscopy recorded at 4 months from date of FOBT result - letter to participant and GP
- If no activity in 5 months - phone call to participant or GP (if nominated).

If no activity in 3 months - phone call to participant and/or GP (if nominated).

If no activity in 7 months - phone call to participant and/or GP (if nominated).

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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

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

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

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

Positive colonoscopy (adenoma or cancer)
- Colonoscopist notifies Register.
- Follow up by GP/specialist as per NHMRC guidelines.

Coloscopy or other tests performed.

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GP recommends no further follow up
- 2005 NHMRC guidelines recommend screening with FOBT every 2 years or as advised by GP.

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