

NATIONAL BOWELCANCER

SCREENING PROGRAM



About the Program:

Australia has one of the highest rates of bowel cancer in the world. Around one in 23 Australians will develop bowel cancer during their lifetime.

The National Bowel Cancer Screening Program (NBCSP) invites eligible people starting at age 50 and continuing to age 74 (without symptoms) to screen for bowel cancer using a free, simple test at home.

If the at home screening test shows a positive result, a letter will be sent to the patient and their GP advising a colonoscopy to further investigate.

The Kilmore & District Hospital now provides a service specifically for these patients.

Starting in March 2019, The Kilmore & District Hospital (TKDH) will be running monthly open access colonoscopy lists for NBCSP patients.

If your patient has received notification of a positive result they can now be referred to TKDH for further investigation through colonoscopy.

How to refer your patient to TKDH:


- Call pre-admission clinic on (03) 5734 2080 to advise that a referral is being sent
- Fax referral to (03) 5734 2026

Referral to include:

- A copy of the patient's letter from the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program (see below)
- Patients full name, address, date of birth, contact number and Medicare number
- A copy of the patient's recent Health Summary from the GP for pre-admissions screening

The patient will be contacted by the hospital to confirm the details of their procedure.

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P.O. Box 185, Kilmore, 3764
Rutledge Street, Kilmore
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<Date> ID number <Consumer ID>

<Aust Post ID>
<Participant Given Name> <Participant Family Name>
<Preferred mailing address>
<LOCALITY> <STATE> <POSTCODE>

Dear <Participant Given Name> <Participant Family Name>

RESULTS NOTIFICATION

Thank you for taking part in the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program and returning your test kit.

Your test result shows that some blood was found in one or both of your samples. This is a **POSITIVE** test result. There could be a number of reasons why blood was found and most are not related to cancer.

It is important to find the cause of the bleeding however, and I encourage you to make an appointment to see your doctor as soon as possible, preferably within the next two weeks, to discuss the result. Please take this letter with you.

If you nominated a doctor or medical clinic on the form you sent with your samples, then your test result has also been sent to them.

Your doctor may advise you to see a specialist doctor to have a procedure called a colonoscopy. This procedure is the best way of finding the cause of the blood found in your bowel motion. Your doctor will be able to provide you with information about colonoscopy, its benefits and risks, and answer any questions you may have. You will also find information about colonoscopy in the enclosed brochure.

If you have any questions about the Program, please visit www.cancerscreening.gov.au or call the Program Information Line on 1800 418 888 during business hours.

Yours sincerely

Title <Given Name> <Family Name>
Authorising Pathologist