

MAKE NO.2 YOUR NO.1 PRIORITY

WITH A BOWEL CANCER SCREENING KIT.



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Get behind Bowel Cancer Awareness Month

This June is bowel cancer awareness month, and Brisbane South PHN would like to take the opportunity to remind general practices the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program (NBCSP) can provide a free, simple test for Australians aged over 50 to screen for bowel cancer at home.

Why is this important?

Australia has one of the highest rates of bowel cancer in the world (one in 23 Australians will develop bowel cancer during their lifetime). NBCSP aims to continue to reduce deaths from bowel cancer through early detection of the disease.

How can our practice support participation?

Research consistently shows the recommendation of a primary care provider to screen for bowel cancer is a key deciding factor behind patient participation in bowel cancer screening.

There are many ways for clinicians to encourage patients to participate, including:

1. displaying brochures, fliers and posters ([order resources here](#))
2. talking to patients aged 50 to 74 years old
3. sending a letter to 49 year old patients to encourage participation ([download the template letter here](#))
4. demonstrating how to use a kit (kits can be ordered by emailing NBCSP@health.gov.au)

GPs and Practice Nurses can learn more about bowel cancer screening by participating in the following online education:

- [GP education series for the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program](#): This series of videos is designed to provide general practitioners with a simplified approach to the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program. (GPs can apply for self-directed RACGP QI & CPD points through the [RACGP website](#))
- [National Bowel Cancer Screening Program: Webinar for nurses working in general practice](#)

National Bowel Cancer Screening Program Infoline 1800 118 868

For clinical guidelines, health professional and consumer resources please visit

www.bsphn.org.au/primary-health-support/cancer-screening

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