

Bowel cancer screening test type code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	529831
Registration status:	Health , Standard 29/08/2014
Definition:	A code set representing the type of bowel cancer screening test.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Faecal occult blood test (FOBT)
	8	Other test type

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: At present, the [faecal occult blood test \(FOBT\)](#) is the primary means by which bowel cancer screening is undertaken. FOBTs are accepted as the primary screening tool for bowel cancer by a large number of countries.

This value domain has been constructed to allow the future inclusion of additional screening test types should the need arise. Other test types may be added to this value domain if/when they become available.

The FOBT is a self-administered test to detect blood in bowel motions, but does not detect bowel cancer itself. A pathologist classifies a FOBT as positive if blood is detected in the sample, as the presence of blood may indicate abnormal growths within the bowel. Participants who have a positive FOBT test are recommended to have a diagnostic assessment to look for polyps or cancerous growths.

Relational attributes

Data elements implementing this value domain:	Person—cancer screening test type, bowel cancer code N Health , Standard 05/02/2021
	Person—cancer screening test type, bowel cancer code N Health , Superseded 05/02/2021