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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 29/08/2014 |
| Definition: | A code set representing the type of bowel cancer screening test. |

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| 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 |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | At present, the [**faecal occult blood test (FOBT)**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/564027) 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. |

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| Relational attributes | |
| Data elements implementing this value domain: | [Person—cancer screening test type, bowel cancer code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/732537)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 05/02/2021  [Person—cancer screening test type, bowel cancer code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/529838)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 05/02/2021 |