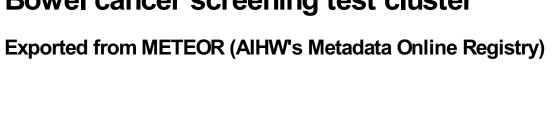
# **Bowel cancer screening test cluster**



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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: **Data Set Specification** 

**METEOR** identifier: 571219

Registration status: Health, Superseded 16/01/2020

DSS type: **Data Element Cluster** 

Scope: The Bowel cancer screening test cluster comprises a set of standardised data

definitions used for monitoring the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program. This cluster includes information on people who participated in the National Bowel

Cancer Screening Program and undertook a disease screening test.

This metadata set is not mandated for collection, i.e. it reflects best practice when collecting data in relation to bowel screening rather than a nationally mandated set

of data items that must be provided.

It is intended to be used by the National Bowel Cancer Screening Register. It can also be used by a wider range of health and health-related professionals who collect and/or use the data in relation to the National Bowel Cancer Screening

Program.

## Collection and usage attributes

Statistical unit: Persons who either have participated or will be participating in bowel cancer

screening programs.

#### Relational attributes

Related metadata

references:

Has been superseded by Bowel cancer screening test cluster

Health, Superseded 05/02/2021

**Specifications:** 

Implementation in Data Set National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2014-18

Health, Superseded 06/09/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014 Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

Conditional obligation:

Reporting of the data elements in this cluster is conditional upon answering 'Yes' to the Person—cancer screening test indicator, yes/no code N data element.

National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2018-19

Health, Superseded 12/12/2018 Implementation start date: 01/07/2018 Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

Conditional obligation:

Reporting of the data elements in this cluster is conditional upon answering 'Yes' to the Person—cancer screening test indicator, yes/no code N data element.

National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2019–20

Health, Superseded 16/01/2020 Implementation start date: 01/07/2019 Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

Conditional obligation:

Reporting of the data elements in this cluster is conditional upon answering 'Yes' to the Person—cancer screening test indicator, yes/no code N data element.

## Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

| Seq<br>No. | Metadata item   | Obligation | Max<br>occurs |
|------------|---|------------|---------------|
| 1          | Person—cancer screening test type, bowel cancer code N                  | Mandatory  | 1             |
| 2          | Person—disease screening test completion status, bowel screening code N | Mandatory  | 1             |
| 3          | Person—disease screening test analysis date, DDMMYYYY                   | Mandatory  | 1             |
| 4          | Person—disease screening test results sent date, DDMMYYYY               | Mandatory  | 1             |
| 5          | Person—cancer screening test result, bowel cancer code N[A]             | Mandatory  | 1             |

#### DSS specific information:

#### A faecal occult blood test (FOBT) screening test is:

- positive if blood was detected in either sample
- negative if blood was not detected in either sample
- inconclusive if only one sample was taken and it was negative
- no result if screening test could not be analysed.

Other screening tests, when they become available, may have different indications for positive results. However, a positive result with any screening test is one that means further investigations are required.

Participants with a positive result are encouraged to visit their primary health care professional to follow up this finding. Those with an inconclusive result are requested to complete another FOBT kit, while those with a negative result are reminded that it is recommended they rescreen every two years.

At this stage, the screening pathway does not account for false negatives or positives.