Bowel cancer screening test cluster

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Set Specification

METEOR identifier: 722424

Registration status: Health, Superseded 05/02/2021

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 (NBCSP). This cluster includes information on people who participated in the NBCSP 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 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 NBCSP.

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:

Supersedes Bowel cancer screening test cluster
Health, Superseded 16/01/2020

Has been superseded by Bowel cancer screening test cluster
Health, Standard 05/02/2021

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2020–21
Health, Superseded 05/02/2021
Implementation start date: 01/07/2020
Implementation end date: 30/06/2021
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 No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max 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.