

BOWEL SCREENING CAN SAVE LIVES

Have you discussed bowel screening with your patients?

You play a key role in increasing participation in screening.

Many patients are more likely to complete a bowel screening test after discussing it with a trusted health professional.

- Bowel cancer is the third most common cancer for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
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- Bowel cancer often has no obvious early warning signs. The good news is a bowel screening test can detect changes in the bowel long before your patient notices any problems.

Bulk order kits to hand out to patients as part of a check-up

- 1 Register** for access to the National Cancer Screening Register HCP Portal at www.ncsr.gov.au.
- 2 Get training** on bowel screening, using the Portal and how to have conversations with patients.
- 3 Order** the free test kits in bulk.
- 4 Hand out** kits to eligible patients and record it in the Portal.
- 5 Access** resources with culturally tailored options, including an expanded range for Indigenous people to promote participation in the program.

The National Bowel Cancer Screening Program is free for people aged 45 to 74.

- People aged 45 to 49 can request their first bowel screening kit at www.ncsr.gov.au/boweltest.
- people aged 50 to 74 receive a bowel screening kit in the mail every 2 years.

Their next test kit will automatically be mailed 2 years after their last screening test is completed.

More Information

Test Kit Helpline **1800 930 998**
National Cancer Screening Register
www.ncsr.gov.au or **1800 627 701**
www.health.gov.au/nbcsp

