

National Bowel Screening

Positive FIT Test Referrals

A programme by **WellSouth**



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Intended Purpose

The aim of this programme is to ensure that patients who have a positive FIT (faecal immunochemical test) test are seen by their GP and offered a referral for colonoscopy.

HealthPathways Link: <https://southern.communityhealthpathways.org/122792.htm>

Eligibility

- Patients aged 60-74 who have had a positive fit result, notified to their general practice, this must have been via the national screening programme.

Exclusions

- Patients with historic or current bowel cancer.
- Colonoscopy within last 5 years.
- Already on surveillance programme (polyps, bowel cancer, family history, IBD (inflammatory bowel disease)).
- Current treatment for IBD.
- Those currently experiencing symptoms (see GP outside of screening programme).
- Patients who have had a result via an over the counter iFOBT (immunochemical faecal occult blood test) kit.

Key Information

- Please advise the patient of their positive test results within 10 working days of the result being reported.
Claims older than 10 working days will be rejected.
- In person or phone consults are allowed at clinician discretion.
- Discuss results and eligibility/suitability for colonoscopy. Claim may still be made if no referral is indicated.
- Refer as appropriate to public or private colonoscopy provider based on patient preference.

Claiming

Claiming is via the WellSouth PHN portal.

[Bowel Screening Programme](#) [New Positive FIT Claim](#)

Service codes for your PMS

Please set these up prior to using the programme.

Code	Amount (incl. GST)	Description
WPBOWL	\$ 81.10	Bowel Screening

Payment Rates (excl. GST)

\$70.52 + GST Bowel Screening

Can a co-payment be charged?

No co-payment can be charged.

When does the claim need to be completed?

Claiming must be completed within 2 months of treatment.

If your PMS is aligned to the WellSouth Clinical BCTIs, please contact practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz with your new Account Internal ID.

For further information regarding this programme please contact practicenetwork@wellsouth.org.nz or your Primary Care Relationship Manager.