

National Bowel Cancer Screening Program

Colonoscopy referral checklist

When referring a patient with a positive National Bowel Cancer Screening Program (NBCSP) test result for a colonoscopy, ensure you:



Include 'NBCSP participant with a positive result'.

This ensures the patient is triaged as category 1 AND is a cue for the receiving clinician to complete program reporting.



Include relevant clinical information, medical history, any family history, and current medications.



Submit the NBCSP GP assessment form.

This advises the National Cancer Screening Register (NCSR) of patient referral to colonoscopy. The form can be submitted via the NCSR healthcare provider portal, integrated clinical software, or accessed in hardcopy at www.health.gov.au/nbcsp-hcp-forms.

If you are NOT referring the patient for colonoscopy, also submit the NBCSP GP assessment form to advise the NCSR the patient was not referred for colonoscopy.

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care Colonoscopy Clinical Care Standards states that when a patient is referred for colonoscopy, the referral document should provide sufficient information for the receiving clinician to assess the appropriateness, risk and urgency of consultation.

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