Person—cancer screening test type, bowel cancer code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Bowel cancer screening test type |
| METEOR identifier: | 732537 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 05/02/2021 |
| Definition: | The type of [**cancer screening**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/564066) test the person receives to determine whether further testing is required to diagnose [**bowel cancer**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/564023), as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—cancer screening test type](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/529834) |
| Value Domain: | [Bowel cancer screening test type code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/529831) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Faecal occult blood test (FOBT) |
|  | 8 | Other test type |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | At present, the [**faecal occult blood test (FOBT)**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/564027) is the primary means by which bowel cancer screening is undertaken. FOBTs are accepted as the primary screening tool for bowel cancer by a large number of countries.  This value domain has been constructed to allow the future inclusion of additional screening test types should the need arise. Other test types may be added to this value domain if/when they become available.  The FOBT is a self-administered test to detect blood in bowel motions, but does not detect bowel cancer itself. A pathologist classifies a FOBT as positive if blood is detected in the sample, as the presence of blood may indicate abnormal growths within the bowel. Participants who have a positive FOBT test are recommended to have a diagnostic assessment to look for polyps or cancerous growths. |



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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Person—cancer screening test type, bowel cancer code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/529838)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 05/02/2021 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Bowel cancer screening test cluster](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/732539)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 05/02/2021 |