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# SCREENING PROGRAM: BOWEL CANCER

- ✓ **PREVENTABLE**
- ✓ **TREATABLE**
- ✓ **BEATABLE**



## **MORE INFORMATION**

For additional information about the screening program you can contact Fundashon Prevenshon.

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## WHAT DOES THE SCREENING PROGRAM INVOLVE?

This is a free medical screening. The bowel cancer screening program involves tests for traces of blood in your stool (poo). Blood in your stool could be linked to polyps and bowel cancer. You do the stool test at home and take it to the Laboratory, preferably on the same day. This screening has advantages and disadvantages. It is up to you whether or not you participate. Please read this leaflet carefully. The information will help you decide.

## WHY PARTICIPATE IN THE SCREENING PROGRAM ON BOWEL CANCER?

In Curaçao, more than 100 cases of bowel cancer are diagnosed annually. The screening program is intended to detect polyps and bowel cancer at the earliest possible moment. Unnecessary and intensive treatments of bowel cancer are prevented. Fewer people will end up with bowel cancer.

## PARTICIPATION IN THE SCREENING

Men and women from 50 - 75 years.

## EXCLUSION CRITERIA

If you are under specialist bowel cancer treatment from a gastroenterologist. If you are being treated for Crohn's disease or Colitis.

## THE TEST RESULTS

Your test results will be sent to your GP. You will be informed by Fundashon Preventashon within 1 week whether further testing is needed.

### There are two possible outcomes:

1. No follow-up examination is needed. We did not find blood in your stool.
2. We found blood in your stool. Blood in your stool could be linked to polyps or bowel cancer. But there may be also other causes. That is why a follow-up is needed to do a surveillance examination in your colon, colonoscopy, to determine the exact cause.

If you have an appointment or are being treated by a gastroenterologist at the CMC hospital, please continue this appointment.

The test results from the screening are not 100% certain. As a result, there is always a chance that bowel cancer will be missed.

## CONSULT YOUR GP

- If you see blood in your stool.
- If you have intestinal complaints.
- If you suffer from constipation or diarrhea for a long time without a clear cause.
- If you lose weight or if you have no appetite.

## COSTS

The test is free of cost for everyone registered at Kranshi who either has a Basic Health Insurance or a Guarantee Letter.

